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—OF THE—

...SEVENTH ANNUAL...

.....CONVENTION AND TOURNAMENT.....

—OF THE—

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—HELD AT—

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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the North Caro-
na State Fireman's Association convened in Stanly
Iall in the City of Newbern, on Tuesday, August 6th,
895.

MORNING SESSION.

The President, Jas. D. McNeill, called the Convention
order at 10 o'clock, A. M., and requested Rev. C. G.
ardell, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Newbern,
open the Convention with prayer.

Mr. Vardell invoked the blessing of God in the follow-
g words:

Oh Lord, our God and Father, who art in Heaven, we bless
ee for the gathering together here to-day. We bless Thee
at these men have taken their time to come together and give
eir plans for the protection of our lives and our property. We bless
ee, Lord, for the noble spirit Thou hast put in the Sons of Men
at they are willing to risk life for their fellow men.

And now, Lord, we ask Thee, that Thou wilt enable them to
an wisely and well. Be Thou with them in all they shall think,
y and do.

And, Lord, they have come here that they may engage in friendly
ntests. We bless Thee for the strength and ability of our young
n. We pray Thee that Thou wilt be with those who strive
e against another, that it may be a manly conetst. And so we
ay Thee to crown their efforts with success, and may all be done in
rnest honest, manly spirit. And so wilt Thou help us, and wilt Thou
ss the coming of these men to this town? And wilt Thou keep
from all wrong and sin and grant that all may meet at last.
r Christ's sake. Amen.

Chief Taylor, of Newbern, then rose and in appropriate words introduced Mr. W. W. Clark, of Newbern, who made the Address of Welcome in the following words

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

It is my pleasant task on behalf of the Firemen and Citizens of the City of Newbern to extend to you, the representatives of the Volunteer Firemen of this State, a cordial greeting and most hearty welcome upon this, the first occasion of your assemblin in this City. A Volunteer Fireman exemplifies many of those virtues which excite our admiration and cause us to consider and applaud the higher and nobler traits of human nature, traits which elevate us above the sorded and the selfish and incite us to deed of valor and self-sacrifice for the protection of our fellow-creatures and the advancement of their interest.

The statesman burns the midnight lamp and labors and toils his efforts to excel in statecraft, but his aim may be to reach the top of the ladder of fame that he may rejoice in the knowledge his greatness and renown. The politician spends weary hours his efforts to educate, enlighten and convince the peopie, but the goal for which he strives, the Mecca of his hopes, may be his personal aggrandizement, his political preferment and promotio The military commander may submit to the hardships of can life, lead his troops into the thick of the fight, expose himself danger and carry his life in his hands, that he may hear the sounding plaudits of his countrymen, contemplate the fame of l achievements and satisfy that ambition which has inspired a sustained him in the hour of defeat and in the times of his priv tion and suffering. But the volunteer fireman responds to t alarm, leaves his warm and comfortable couch, exposes himself the blinding snow and chilling blasts of winter, the burning h of summer and the fury of the flames, surrounded by crushi walls and death-dealing missiles, that a life may be saved and property of his fellow-man preserved. His path leades not to f tune and to fame, his labor ends not in the gratification of a sire for personal aggrandizement or preferment, and his brow

not to be crowned with the emblems of victory nor his ears delighted with the shouts of the multitude ; but his aim, his end, his ambition are, the proud consciousness that he has done something to preserve his fellow-creatures from danger or to lighten their burdens and that approval of the conscience which every unselfish act merits and receives. His lot may be cast among the humble, but his spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, to the just and contemplative, exalt him to a position high above the glittering pomp and splendor of royalty and the vanishing ephemeral glory of military and political renown. His name may not adorn the page of history, his deeds may not be commemorated by the genius of the poet or the eloquence of the orator, but his life and his work will emphasize the truth contained in that most beautiful of all the conceptions of the poets :

> "Full many a gem of purest rays serene
> The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear,
> Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
> And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

It is to such men as these that I extend a welcome to our midst Whether you come from that section of our grand old State where the waves of the sea kiss the earth, lulling to sleep by their gentle lullaby in calm and placid weather, and filling the soul with terror and alarm when the Storm King is abroad, or from that section where the hills and vales by their gentle undulations relieve the eye and excite the fancy by the pleasing prospect, or from that wild and mountainous section of the West where mountain torrents rush and roar and craggy peaks look down upon the passing clouds, you are inspired with the same noble motive, exemplify the same exalted virtues and command our commendation and applause.

Welcome, thrice welcome, to our midst, ye moral heroes and types of Nature's noblemen ! And I do assure you, on behalf of the firemen and citizens of this City that no stream shall play upon the cockles of their hearts to chill the ardor of their greeting, or extinguish the genial fires of admiration, respect and esteem which you have kindled in the breasts of each and every one of them.

The President introduced the Hon. John T. Shaw, Member of Congress, who responded to the Address of Welcome on behalf of the Convention, as follows:

RESPONSE.

"Mr. President, Ladies and Firemen of North Carolina :

"In behalf of the Firemen of North Carolina, Mr. President, I desire to thank the speaker who has just quitted the floor, and through him thank the people of Newbern for this manifestation of their kindness and hospitality.

"They are here, Mr. President, from all parts of North Carolina, the brave, the true and tried firemen ; men; sir, who in discharge of their duty know no danger, know no care, but who to preserve lives or property, perform with the admiration of the world deeds of valor and acts of bravery which have never been excelled, even in the deeds of battle at any time.

"The true fireman is never a conscript, but always a volunteer in the true sense of the word. In entering upon his duties he realizes that there are in store for him dangers, trials, hardships, and perhaps, death. But ever at the tap of the bell he is ready, though the regions of smoke and fire darken the way, to tear from the jaws of death some loved one and bear it in safety to the bosom of its friends. The true fireman in the discharge of his duty knows no class, no color and no condition. For I tell you, that the meanest of God's creation will find in him as true and sure a deliverer as he or she who may be the most fair of the earth.

Now Mr. President, the mission of a fireman, as has been told you, is not the field of renown and glory, but his mission rather, is to preserve lives and property and to fight the fire fiend. He does not desire his name to be inscribed in monumental symbols on brass and stone, but prefers that his name go down in the hearts in the living remembrances of his fellow people.

" Mr. President, in your gathering here to-day the Firemen of North Cerolina have not come for the purpose of boasting upon their past deeds of valor, but they have come, rather, for the purpose of consulting together, talking together and acting together, those matters and things which in the future will better subserve to the interest of the people of North Carolina.

" These magnificent feats of skill and endurance which shall be witnessed for a day or more to come are not based upon the idle principles of a horse race, but they are scenes from life and those

things which have been enacted and those things which will be enacted when the alarm bell sends them to an active discharge of their duty.

"Now then, let me say. This is a happy gathering here. All differences are laid aside, political, religious and otherwise. Here it is, gentlemen of North Carolina, you have met together; it is a reunion of old friends; and it is a re-clasping of warm hands; it is a re-consummation of past friendships; and it is a re-determination that whatever may come in North Carolina, whatever others feel in the Old North State, so far as the firemen are concerned, none of the calamities of the people shall be laid at their door.

"Now, Mr. President and Firemen of North Carolina, the citizens of Newbern have thrown wide their doors and hospitality to you. They have invited you in to partake of their hospitality, and let me say to you, that you have never been in the midst of a more generous, true and warm-hearted people than the people of Newbern. They stand foremost in your own State, and have stood first in other States. They are a people, men of North Carolina, whose daughters there are none fairer and purer, and whose attractiveness had led the lovers of the good and beautiful from far and near to the shrine of their beauty. Other cities, men of North Carolina, may boast of their progress and prosperity, as well they may, but Newbern may boast of her gallant men, of her lovely and accomplished women.

"Mr. President and Firemen of North Carolina, the sickles of time have again brought you face to face with each other. At one time you met among the rocks and craigs of the highest mountain peaks of your own native State; you have met at the intersection of hill and plain; to-day you stop almost where the Atlantic washes the shores of your own beloved State. God grant that your future meetings may be many. And I think I voice the sentiment of every other North Carolinian in saying for you one and all, long life, peace and prosperity."

Chief L. J. Taylor, next introduced Mr. Wm. Ellis, Mayor of Newbern, who extended the hospitality of the city of Newbern in a few words:

President, Ladies, Visitors:

"I have to extend to you the freedom of our city. May your

stay with us be pleasant and on your return to your homes ma you carry only pleasant recollections. Again, I extend to you th freedom of our City without reserve."

On motion, a committee of three on Credentials wa appointed, consisting of Messrs. L. J. Taylor, W. C. Von Glahn and J. J. Stone, and a recess of five minutes wa given for the delegates to hand in their credentials.

After the Convention was called to order Secretar Griffith arose and said :

"Mr. President, Brother Firemen:

At my urgent solicitation we have among us, and I am please to have the pleasure of introducing to you one of Virginia's nobl firemen, a man who holds the cause pertaining to the voluntee service of Virginia—well, I may say, nearer to his heart than any thing, a little bit nearer than he does his wife. He is a man wh never tires of serving the firemen of his State or any other Stat I felt that the firemen of North Carolina, if they met him, woul appreciate him as much as I appreciate him. I have visited hi Firemen's Association and met with a most hearty welcome, and t say that I enjoyed myself doesn't express it at all. Virginia Fire men know how to make you enjoy yourselves. We have before u George G. Cumming, Secretary of the Virginia Firemen's As sociation."

Mr. Cumming addressed the Convention as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Brother Firemen:

This is the golden opportunity that has arisen to allow me have the honor to be with brother firemen of North Carolin through the kindness and courtesy of your honored Secretary. have luffed him off for several years to keep from coming, not b cause I did not want to come to visit you, but duty claims befo pleasure.

In regard to the Virginia firemen. They are no better than t North Carolina firemen. They are working for the same caus the same glory and the same duty.

But I assure you there were firemen when I arrived in Newber

E. G. Parmelee, 1st Vice President.

ınday morning that it didn't take a very long time to find out that had struck the town for the hospitality, and Brother Firemen, er since Sunday morning I have had my whole system alive with tivity and pleasure.

I have just returned a week or two from my own Convention of r own State at Harrissonburg, and I had no idea that North ırolina would claim me so soon. But I will say, that I am proud be with my brother firemen in Newbern, N. C. I speak the ntiments of 845 firemen of The Virginia State Firemen's Associa-ın. The simple fact that I say that Brother Firemen, is because, brother Griffith will remember, that it was two years after we had ganized we corresponded with brother Griffith and others in eensboro at different times about formulating a firemen's organi-:ion. I gave my humble opinion, and by constantly exchanging ɔughts and ideas, to my surprise North Carolina was in the lead, the right of Virginia. I am sorry to say that North Carolina is ead of Virginia in one grand feature, and that is, the relief of its ured firemen. Brother Firemen, the Legislators and Senators of r States act sometimes very queerly, but still we hope in the near ure to be able to get them to realize that we, too, have got a im from the State Legislature to relieve the distressed and the ured.

But, brother firemen, I only wish I could reiterate the sentiment our friends in Portsmouth, in Richmond, in Harrissonburg, in arlottesville in behalf of your Secretary. You do not know ɔther Griffith, in the homes of the people of Virginia as I do. ey have a hospitable feeling for every man.

ırother Griffith's interest is always in behalf of the North Carolina te Firemen's Association, and if he will allow me, I will call his ɜntion to a little thing that happened that will show the spirit nifested by your worthy Secretary, which will show the in-ɜst he had in behalf of our Association. He came to Danville h a band of music from Greensboro and he put that band with Convention.

Now, I do not know what to say because the worthy honorable preceded me before. Firemen don't make speeches. A little cdote was told me once. In a little gathering amongst the fire-ı in the City of Norfolk, the captain of a military company got and said that soldiers were grand, noble people, they do their y. I sat there very quietly and faithfully waiting to hear some-

thing further, and he went on and eulogized soldiers and forgot : about firemen. I replied in this way. "Captain, I give you cred sir, for what you have said in behalf of the soldiers, but this is volunteer organization and you neglected to give them the cre you gave the soldiers." Now, the difference between a soldier a fireman is this, that where the soldier seeks the lives and prope of the people, the fireman seeks to save the lives and property the people. We want to demonstrate that we do not seek destroy, but we seek to save, and that is the duty of every firem throughout this land. The only way to have the true firemen is the time of action and duty let the men take charge of the pip and rear up the hose and go into the battle.

The fireman will never shirk his duty. A true fireman is a m of principle and honor, and seeks to save life and property.

Now, Mr. President, I thank you in my own behalf and in beh of the Virginia State Fireman's Association for your courte shown me, and I assure you from the bottom of my heart, th though last, but not least, I say God bless the lads of Newbe Thank you.

Secretary Griffith introducing Mr Hecht, said:

Mr. President and Brother Firemen:

We have another visiting brother with us. To what extent he a fireman I cannot say, but he associates with their commissio and I presume there is something in him. I see that he was elect an honorary member of the Virginia Firemen's Association at th last meeting. I would be glad to hear from him. I have referen to Mr. Hecht, from Norfolk.

Mr. Hecht spoke as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I should think that your honored Secretary would have seen t remarks, rather lengthy ones made by my worthy brother as s ficient to suffice this assembly, and not to hear any more. In t State of Virginia and in the Convention of Firemen, of which I a an honorary member, I am happy to say that brother George Cu ming does the talking for the entire Convention. I have but ve little to say on an occasion of this kind.

At the Convention of our State, the first Convention I attended of e Firemen's Association, I must say that I was very happily dis-ppointed. In meeting the boys at large from a State you generally eet some who do not take care of what may be termed honor; it I will say for the State of Virginia of firemen that I met there, id there were about 450 or 500, and there was not a dissenting ice, that everyone enjoyed himself, and they left the City of Har-isonburg with glory. The Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg ated that he had had conventions from several organizations in arrisonburg but never had he had so orderly an organization as had there. I will say that there was not an unpleasant word oken in the bar room or on the street.

From the Assembly I see here before me, the delegates I see re, I may say that they correspond very well indeed with the emen of the State of Virginia, and I have no doubt that when u leave this city, that the honored Mayor of your city will say at he wished he had an assembly of that kind every week to care r." (A voice, "better wait and see the crowd that comes to-ght.")

"Gentlemen, and brethren, I might say, as I am a member of the e association, that I shall regard the hospitality shown to you as y own, and will endeavor to be amongst you as much as possible d will endeavor to make myself comfortable among you, and ere you are entertained, I have no doubt but that I will. I thank u."

The President stated that Mr. Hecht had a meritorious vention in the shape of a fire alarm and recommended at every fireman present should examine it.

The President then appointed the following a com-ittee on credentials, L. J. Taylor, W. C. VonGlahn, J Stone.

On request, Chief Newman, of the Wilmington Fire epartment, arose to make a few remarks. He said:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the State Firemen's Association:

I do not know why Mr. Vogler called on me, unless it is because m the only man in the crowd who has a green badge on. I want tell a little joke and then I will sit down. There was a drummer

traveling out West, and everywhere he stopped they had rabbit for breakfast, dinner and supper, and it went on that way for a week or so. He went to a farmer's house after it had been going on for about two weeks, and the farmer asked him to say grace and before he said it he asked if there were rabbits coming on the table, and he got up and said,

> It's rabbits young and rabbits old, rabbits warm and rabbits cold.
> Of rabbits tender, rabbits tough, Oh good Lord, let it be enough."

On motion of Mr. Barrington, a committee to examine the exhibits placed on view and report their merits at a subsequent meeting was appointed, which committee consisted of: W. D. Barrington, Newbern: Martin Newman, Wilmington; R. D. Holt, Goldsboro; F. H. Vogler, Salem; Jas. S. Dunn, Winston.

The Committees on Credentials requested the Chiefs of the different departments to report to them.

The Committee on Credentials made its report, as follows:

CHIEFS AND ASSISTANTS PRESENT.

J. J. Stone; Assistant, A. G. Alexander, Greensboro.
L. J. Taylor; Assistant, W. D. Barrington, Newbern.
M. Newman; Assistant Schibbens, Wilmington.
M. B. B. Capps, Salisbury,
C. B. Mehigan, Tarboro.
J. D. McNeil, Fayetteville.

COMPANIES AND DELEGATES.

KINSTON.

Fire Co. No. 1, J. S. Strickland, Zack Rhodes,

WINSTON,

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Jas. S. Dunn, J. M. Lentz.
Fire Engine Co. 1, J. W. Stout, J. A. Johnson,
Fire Engine Co. No. 2, H. D. Shutt, R. M. Tuttle.

ASHEVILLE.

Hose Co. No. 1, Jesse M. Patton.

WILMINGTON.

Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, W. C. VonGlahn, E. B. Burkheimer,
Howard Relief Engine Co. No. 1, T. Donlan. J. W. Duls.
Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder Co., T. J. Gore, W. F. Ketchum.
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, R. H. Northrop, H. B. Peschau.

GOLDSBORO.

Eclipse Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, W. B. Pate, R. D. Holt.
Goldsboro Fire Co. No. 1, J. W. Nash, A. R. Grantham.

NEWBERN.

Newbern Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Edw. Clark, Chas, Lane.

ATLANTIC.

J. K. Willis, H. W. Simpson.

SALEM.

Eagle Hose Co. No. 2, Dan'l Barton, C. F. Farley.
Rough and Ready Fire Co., J. W. Schott, A. J. Peddycord.

DURHAM.

Golden Belt Hose Co. No. 1, L. L. Chamberlain.

SALISBURY.

J. T. Morgan, J. M. Peck.

WILSON.

Phoenix Fire Engin Co. No. 1, J. D. Bullock, J. D. Meredith.

GREENSBORO.

Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, J. T. Abbott, W. J. Blair.
Eagle Hose Co. No. 7, J. R. Donnell, H. J. Elam.
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, R. B. Beall, B. A. Boon.
South Side Hose Co. No. 4, W. R. Elliot, F. Keith.

FAYETTEVILLE.

Chicora Steam Fire Engine Co., W. M. McKeethan, W. B. Johnson.

CHIEFS AND ASSISTANTS NOT PRESENT.

Chief W. P. Wooten, Wilson.
Chief Geo. G. Seyffert, Salisbury.

Chief, Jas. P. Sawyer, Asheville.
Chief, W. C. Bradsher, Durham.
Chief of Concord Department.
Chief, W. E. Culpepper, Charlotte.
Chief, S. J. Welsh, Monroe.
Chief, L. H. Mahler, Assistant W. Woolcott, Raleigh.
Chief and Assistant, Goldsboro Department.
Chief F. C. Meinung, Assistant W. C. Grunert, Salem.
Chief, J. W. Hanes, Winston.

COMPANIES NOT REPRESENTED.

DURHAM,

Independent Hose Co. No. 3.

RALEIGH,

Capital Hose Co. No. 3.
Womble Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.
Rescue Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1.

CONCORD.

Hose and Reel Co.

GOLDSBORO.

Electic Hose Reel Co.

ASHEVILLE.

Rescue Hook and Ladder Co, No. 1.

MONROE.

Steam Fire Engine Co.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. TAYLOR,
W. C. VONGLAHN, } Com.
J. J. STONE.

Delegates were requested to call by the Secretary's desk and get Delegate's badges.

The Secretary stated that Chief Stone had started the publication of a paper, *The Volunteer Fireman*, and he would be glad to have a few words from him.

Chief Stone said :

"*Mr. President and Brother Firemen:*

"I wish to call your attention to the fact that we have started in

Greensboro the publication of a paper devoted to the interests of the volunteer firemen not only in the State of North Carolina, but everywhere, especially in the South. I wish to say that *The Volunteer Fireman* has come to stay. We are going to run it. We have counted the cost; we have weighed the matter carefully and we expect to make the very best paper out of it possible, and we cannot do this unless we have the assistance of the firemen at home, especially in North Carolina. And I wish to call your attention to the fact that we will expect you to assist us in running this paper. I mean that we want you to contribute to its columns and to its subscription list. I believe that every member present has a copy. If any one has no copy, come up to the desk and we will give you one. From the salutatory you will see what we propose to do, and we will carry it out as nearly as possible. It will be published twice a month at the rate of seventy-five cents a year.

The President said that the contesting teams would find it interesting as it contains the rules govering the contests.

The Secretary called the attention of the contesting teams that the law requires that they report on the first day of the tournament to the Secretary, and that the hook and ladder trucks must be weighed by the City Weigher and a certificate brought certifying the weight of the truck.

The Secretary read a telegram to Chief L. J. Taylor, from The Rescue Fire Company of Raleigh, and also a communication and circular from the Secretary of The National Firemen's Association.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 6th, 1895.

L. J. Taylor, Chief Fire Department:

Rescue Fire Company sends geetings; circumstances prevent our attendance. Regards to all,

R. E. LUMSDEN, *Foreman.*

WYOMING, O., August 1st, 1896.

J. W. Griffith, Esq., Sec'y N. C. State Fireman's Association, Newbern, N. C.:

My Dear Sec'y:—Enclosed please find circular to read at your coming Convention. Kindly let me know what action your Association takes on same.

Why not stir up your *boys* to attend Augusta Convention, rates will be low, and there ought to be a good delegation from North Carolina.

Don't forget to have a delegate from your Association at the meeting, and I hope they wont drop their membership.

Hoping to see the State of North Carolina well represented at Augusta this fall, and that you will have a large and prosperous meeting, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY A. HILLS.

WYOMING, O., August 1st, 1895.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary North Carolina State Fireman's Association:

My Dear Sec'y:—At a late convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers, held in Montreal, Canada, in August, 1894, the following suggestion was referred to the Executive Committee to report at the next meeting:

"Knowing that our country is far in advance of all others in modern improvements for fire extinguishing and life saving appliances, I would suggest that a committee of five be appointed by this convention to consider the advisability of holding an international firemen's convention in this country in the year 1896 or 1897, and they report at our next annual convention."

The object of this Congress is to disseminate information regarding fire fighting, to secure the attendance of firemen and apparatus from foreign countries as well as our own, and to give exhibitions of all fire fighting and life saving appliances.

The Executive Committee met in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 22nd of April, and the Secretary was instructed to obtain data for their report to the convention.

I therefore ask, if the Congress be an assured fact, will your

F. H. Vogler, 2nd Vice President.

sociation co-operate, both individually and collectively with the ternational Association ?

Our aim is to secure from the National as well as the State vernments a guarantee fund to aid in making this the largest e department exhibit ever witnessed in this or any other country. Already assurances have been received from foreign countries t they will aid in the project.

Hoping you will consider this matter at your meeting, I remain,

Yours very truly,

HENRY A. HILLS, *Secretary.*

Dr. Griffith moved that a committee be appointed to ce the contents of the circular into consideration and port at a subsequent meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Green moved that for the benefit of the firemen o would arrive on the 4 o'clock train and who would nt to be present at the meeting, that a recess be taken 8:30.

The motion was not carried, but the business of the eting was continued until the reports should be made.

The next business in order being the reading of the nutes of the previous meeting, on motion the reading s suspended and the Minutes adopted as printed.

Collection of dues was next in order, and the Secretary orted those owing the Association.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

The Secretary stated that when he came his report d been made out in full, but that it was now essary to make some changes owing to information r dues received, and he felt that he ought to put the panies and Chiefs in right standing up to date, and if eeable to the Association, he would be glad if they uld let the report of the Officers pass over to another

meeting, in order that he might have an opportun to straighten his report up.

It was moved that the reports of the Officers be co tinued until the night session. Carried.

Moved that the committees ready to report should so, and those which were not should be continued. C ried.

The Secretary read the names of the committees, a they signified whether they were ready or not.

The report of the Executive Committee was read the Secretary.

The President thought that some explanation sho be made in regard to each section of the report, a requested that the sections be read, and as they w read made a few remarks concerning each, calling Vice President Vogler to the chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Section 1 of the Report was read:

SEC. 1.—At a meeting of said Committee held August 5, 1 Mr. H. J. Elam, of Eagle Hose No. 7, of Greensboro, appe and requested that on page 65, Art. 11, of proceedings of that the following be added as section 2, viz:

SEC. 2—(Offered by Elam)—That said championship prizes, having been won by any one company three consecutive years and after the 31st of August, 1894, at the regular Annual Tou ment of the Association, shall become the sole property of winning company, to hold and dispose of as the said winning c pany may elect.

The President said:

"Captain Elam, of the Greensboro Company proposes an am ment to Section 1 of Rule 11. He desires to amend Section giving that belt, which is now the property of the Associatio the Company which wins three consecutive times. I think the

ıtion would agree with that, if it was not for the provision that wants us to go back and call last year one of the three consecu- : times, and also this time, when the balance of the teams of State have no notice of the same. Therefore, the Executive nmittee reports through me, its Chairman, that we think that it n the interest of absolute fairness, that we recommend that it be property of the Company winning it three consecutive times, it must start from after this meeting. In other words, it is a ıg that is ahead of us, and not behind. We are running under rules of this year. Therefore, the committee recommends that amendment be adopted in so far as it refers to all races after ; Tournament.

The Secretary read the next section:

nd. That on page 67 under Rules Governing State Champion-) Contests Sec II. That the word "wet" be stricken out.

'he committee recommended that the said section be left as it is.

:t was that under rules governing Hose Companies in ıte Championship Contests, section 2, the word "wet" stricken out.

The President said:

The Executive Committee desires to report that after going :k and and taking the experience of the men who were the ;inal charter members of the North Carolina State Firemen's ;ociation, the construction put upon "wet or dry" was, for the pose of being able to hold these contests in towns that have no departmnt. Therefore, if we went to a town to hold our ıual meeting, which didn't have water works, we would have to 'e a dry run and not a wet run. The committee recommends t it be not changed, but that it remain as it is, covering the ;inal makers of the rules, so that if we go to a town where there no water works a dry run and in a town where there are water rks, a wet run."

The Secretary read the next Section:

rd. That in Sect. I under same head the figures "400" in last : be stricken out and 350 substituted.

'he committee seconded said change be made.

Jpon which the President made the following remarks:

"Your committee recommends that Section 1 and Section 2 a in exact contradiction of each other, and that the makers of tl Rules were mistaken. Therefore, we recommend that in the Se tion 1 the sentence reading "Carts must start with 400 feet of hos all couplings made" be stricken out. That would leave all ho reels to carry 350 feet of hose or more, but not less. They ca crrry just as much as they please. We, therefore, recommend th that sentence be stricken out."

The Secretary read Section IV of the Report:

4th. That on page 69 under head of "Reel Contests" in third (line after word connected, the words "at the start" be added.

Committee recommended same be done.

And the President said:

We recommend that in the third line the words "at the star be added. We recommend those words be added, as Mr. Ela suggests. As the words would naturally be inferred we think best they be inserted."

The Secretary read Section V.:

5th. That on page 70 under "Grab Race Contest" the seco paragraph of said rules be stricken out.

Committee recommend that the arrangements of said contest left to local committee of arrangements be stricken out.

About which the President said:

Your Committee recommends that the second paragraph abc the Grab Race Contest be stricken out, leaving the placing of t grab races in the tournament performances to the local committe under the old rule. We now are in favor of leaving it to the lo committees.

The Secretary read Section VI.:

6th. Chiefs Taylor and Newman request that on page 71, unc "Horse Reel Races" that the last five words of line 7, and 8 a 9th lines and 1st 3 words of line 10 be stricken out, and hors allowed to be standing hitched to hose carriage, wagon or truc as if ready for services.

Which was explained by the President as follows:

Under the present rules your horses are required to be placed on the side of the track without harness. Now we recommend that the hook and ladder trucks be allowed to come to the starting point hitched and ready for service.

Mr. Stone thought it applied to all apparatus drawn by horses, both trucks and hose wagons.

The President stated, "That the recommendation of your Executive Committee is that all carriages or hose wagons, hose reels, and hook and ladder trucks, be allowed to come to the line hitched as ready for service."

The Secretary read Section VII.:

7th. Mr. Abbott appeared and requested a balance of $20 on funeral expenses of Chas. Lewis, ($50 having been paid) be allowed Mrs. Chas. Lewis. The committee recommended that a warrant be ordered issued for twenty-two days. The deceased lived in fourth quarter of the year, at the ratio of $37.50 per quarter, amounting to $9.16.

Concerning which the President remarked:

"The Executive Committee in that case would state they have been paying for the past twelve months Mr. Charles Lewis, of Greensboro, $150 a year. Under the instructions of the Committee I have been issuing him warrants for the money. I issued three warrants. Twenty-one or twenty-two days after the last warrant was due he died. I entered into consultation with the Executive Committee and issued a warrant for his funeral expenses of $50. Now, we recommend that he be further allowed the part of last Quarter's allowance for the time he lived within that quarter. This does not amount to quite as much as the full quarter would, but the Executive Committee cannot see how they can do more. They voted him $150 and we have paid for three full quarters and we propose to pay his heirs for the time he lived within the fourth quarter upon the same ratio we have been paying him. Such is the recommendation of your Committee."

The Secretary read the 8th Section:

8th. Chiefs Taylor and Newman request that changes be made on applications for benefits from the "Relief Fund," whereby the

applicant be required to make affidavit of amount of time lost from business, &c.

The committee recommends that the following be substituted for the present applications now being used:

APPLICATION

For a benefit from the Relief Fund of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, as per the Constitution and By-Laws adopted at the Third Annual Meeting held at Durham, August 25th, 1891.

.....N. C., ...189.

To the Secretary N. C. State Firemen's Association:

Dear Sir:—I,.....a member of.....Co. No.....of .....Fire Department, hereby make application for..... days benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund. I hereby certify that I was totally disabled from attending to my regular business for .....days; (Here state what the applicant's business is) and that the sickness or accident occured at a fire on ...day of....189..as follows: (Applicant must state the particulars in full as to the sickness or accident, how brought about, &c., &c.)

(Seal.) I further certify that I am in good standing in my company.

.....Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF THE FOREMAN.

I,.....Foreman of.....Co. No,.....of.....Fire Department, hereby certify that.....is a member in good standing in my company and the above is a correct statement, and the said....is according to our By-Laws entitled to .....days benefit from the Firemen's Relief Fund.

(Seal.) .....Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF THE CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

I,.....Chief of.....Fire Department, hereby certify that.... Company, No. ...is in good standing in my Department.

(Seal.) .....Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

Dr.....has this day appeared before me and makes oath that he is a regular practicing Physician in....N. C., a graduate of.... State of.....and licensed by the Medical Examining Board of this state. That on .....day of ...189 .he was called to see. ...

who was (Physician must state fully the cause of injury or sickness, and the number of days said patient was totally disabled from attending to his regular business and the condition of patient at the time he ceased to visit him, number of visits made and date of each.)

(Seal.) .....Notary Public.

And the President said:

"You have heard the new style of application. Under the old style the beneficiary himself had to swear to nothing. You have to swear to nothing; your Foreman and Chief do it all. Under the new rule as suggested the applicant himself is required to make oath that he was injured, when he was injured, how he was injured and how long he was disabled. His Foreman is required to certify under oath that such is the case. The Chief is required to certify that he was in good standing. The physician is required to certify that the disability occurred. We recommend that the change from the old style of benefit application be made from that to the present. That is the report of your committee."

It was moved that the report of the Executive Commitee be adopted by sections. Carried.

It was suggested that the Convention take a recess until 8:30, but on motion, the business was proceeded with in regular order.

The Secretary read Section 1 of the report as follows:

That on page 65 of the proceedings of 1894, Article 11, that the following be added as Section 2: The committee recommends that Section 2, of said Article 2 read as follows: That said championship prize after this year shall be the property of the company winning same three consecutive times.

Mr. Elam said:

"Mr. Chairman, I desire to offer a substitute for the clause recommended by the Committee thus, and move its adoption:

"'That said championship prizes, after having been won by any one company three consecutive years from and after the 31st of August 1894, at the regular Annual Tournament of the Association, shall become the sole property of the winning company, to hold and dispose of as the said winning company may elect.'

On that substitute I would like to go back about six years. I was

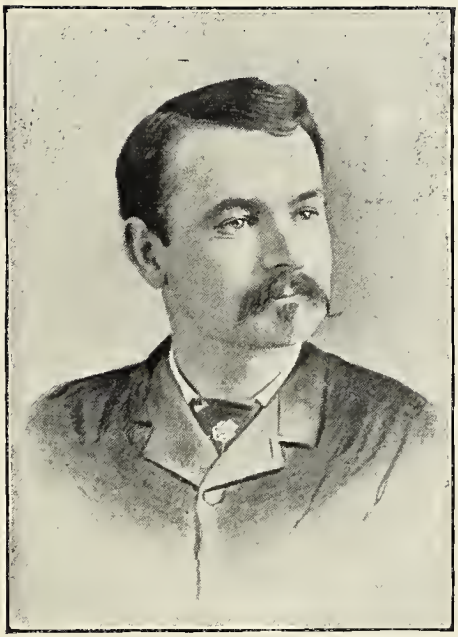
one of the charter members of this Association; one of the Committee of three who drew up these Rules. Raleigh put up a medal, to be competed for three years—the same as this motion. The Association then went to work and adopted these Rules and no one noticed the oversight, and we have been working under these Rules ever since. But we were working under them with the distinct understanding that if the medal was won for three consecutive years by the same company that it became the property of the winning company. And we had some little trouble when the medal was won by Greensboro. The Association put up a belt in Winston, and it was competed for just as the medal was. Our company and Salisbury competed for the belt under the distinct understanding that if we won it three consecutive years it was ours."

Interrupted by the President:

"The minutes were adopted at the last meeting and there was nothing of the kind in it."

Mr. Elam Continued:

"I was speaking about the Rules adopted last year. These are the Rules we run under last year. We went to Winston with the distinct understanding that if we won the belt three years it was ours. Secretary Griffith notified twenty-eight of the Companies that this belt would be contested for at Winston. Out of twenty-eight companies there were only three that turned up. We were ready to run whether we had a good field or bad. The fact that these other twenty-seven or twenty-six companies did not come and contest for that belt, should not knock us out of that one year. Brother McNeil said we want to go back one year. We do not want to go back at all. I claim that if the report of the Committee is adopted we have got to win that belt five consecutive years before our company can hold the belt; while any other company has only to win it three years. And is that fair? I ask the adoption of this substitute; that the time begin from the time it was put up last year and the company winning it three consecutive years should own it. I think it ought to be kept up. I think it is for the interest of the Association. I think we ought to keep up the belt, but I do not think we ought to try to take advantage of the company and try to knock them out of one year. The Chief from Salisbury is here and he will tell you their understanding in the matter and



Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary.

:very one will tell you as I have. I ask you now, in all fairness, o give us an equal showing, a fair showing for the belt. We may ose it this time. Doubtless we will. Capt. McNeill's team has ;ome reputation. It has been published that his team made it in wenty-three seconds. We have never been able to get it less than hirty and one-half. And if that is the case we will lose it any way, and all we ask is to give us justice."

Mr. Capps, of Salisbury, said:

"When we entered the contest for that belt at Winston we disinctly understood that we would have that belt for three years, and hen it would become the property of the Company winning it three imes. If that is a mistake it is not my fault. I do not know who got the information from."

Mr. McNeill said:

"There is nothing whatever in the language of the Rules that vould say that."

Mr. Stone said:

"If Chief McNeill will allow me, I think I can explain the mater. It states in the report that it was to be competed for as other hampionship belts. Well, this Association has not given a prize efore that was competed for, for less than three years, and it was nderstood that the company winning that medal three times should vin the medal for good. And if this report is worded as it is, it vould be construed in no other way than that this belt shall become ne property of the company winning it for three consecutive times.'

Mr. Elam Said:

"I do not contend that the Rules say that. I contend that the tules are defective, and this defection has gone on now for six ears, and that we remedy this defect. We contested for the taleigh medal under that understanding."

Mr. McNeill said:

"I am not making that point. Before you run twelve months go, before you contested for that belt, which is the property of the ssociation, this Rule was adopted in a meeting where every dele ate could read, and you could read it. The Rule 11 under Rules overning the races. It was adopted to run the race under which ou did run, and how you can construe that you ran under the Rule

six years ago when the Association has wiped the whole thing ou three years ago, and by which a new belt to be run for under nev Rules, how you can go back six years is a mystery to me." (B request Mr. McNeill read the Rule.) "Nothing is said in tha Rule in any manner, shape or form about its becoming the propert of the company, and that Rule was the one adopted by this Assc ciation. Where in the world does it appear?"

Mr. Stone inquired if the belt was not purchased befor the last Association, the reply to which was that it wa not. He said: "It was purchased to be run for afte that Association meets, and the instructions sent ou under which this race is to be governed was 'as othe championship belts.'"

Mr. MeNeill said:

If that is your idea, why was it that at the last meeting whe your team was the main competitor, that you ask us to go back t that."

In reply Mr. Stone said:

"I will answer that question by asking another. If this belt wa not to be competed for as other prizes, why was such put up an instructions sent out that it was to be so competed for? The con panies went there expecting that the belt was to be competed fo as stated in previous minutes and as stated in the Secretary instructions to the companies, 'as other championship belts.' It a well known fact that we have had only one championship pri before, and it was the distinct understanding that the compan winning it for three consecutive years own it. Only two companie competed for it. And I claim under the instructions received fro the Secretary and previous instructions that this was a fair an square race, and should be counted as one of these this year."

Mr. Amerson said:

"It don't matter what the understanding of these parties wa They all were there and all run for this belt under the Rules. Whe the laws and rules were made I do not suppose there was a dele gate in the Convention but what could read, and they ought to rea for their own protection the rulings of the Convention, and no what some one else says, and run for the belt understandingly

'he Executive Committee is doing fair by all departments, and you ouldn't do otherwise if this Convention goes back and undoes what /as done twelve months ago, and makes a new law, that of itself ules Mr. Elam out. I do not see how we can do otherwise, than xactly what we did do, fair and equitable to the North Carolina 'iremen's Association, and especially to the companies which xpect to hereafter compete. I think we did it in all spirit of fair-ess."

Mr. Stone inquired :

" Is it the rule of this Association passed at Winston last year ıat this belt is to be won three consecutive times and then ecome the property of the company winning it."

Mr. McNeil replied :

" Rule 2, page 65, was really adopted at Durham three years ago. 'here never has been any three consecutive years since we have otten out of the medal, which we had in the contest for the medal. s Chairman of the Executive Committee, we have recommended ıat it be so hereafter.

Mr. Stone asked :

" Under what rules and what understanding was that medal ɔmpeted for last year ?"

Mr. McNeil replied :

" Rule 2, page 65."

Mr. Stone :

" What are you going to do for that race ? Have they got to win three other times before they can keep it ?"

Mr. McNeil :

" Thero was no rule then."

Mr. Stone:

" What are you going to do with the words, "It shall be competed ır as other championship medals ?"

The Chair announced that the question was upon Mr. lam's amendment.

On motion, the vote was taken by companies, each ɔmpany having two votes.

The recommendation of the committee was read an also the amendment offered by Elam.

The vote was taken upon the amendment, whic resulted in 21 for adoption and 24 against amendmen Motion lost.

Moved that Section 1 of the Report of the Executiv Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Section 11 of the Report of the Committee was re by the Secretary, as follows:

"That on page 67 under Rules governing Championship contes Section 2, that the word "wet" be stricken out. The committe recommends that said Section be left as it is."

Mr. Elam remarked:

"I suggested as a substitute that the word "wet" be stricke out. It has never been anything but dry. I think one or the oth ought to come out. And I would like to ask brother McNeil, in town that has no water works, if the word 'dry' is struck out, ho are you going to get a tap on a plug when you have no plug to g at? That is why I suggest it should be a dry race, but if you wa water strike out 'dry.'"

Mr. McNeill said:

"The Executive Committee recommends that it be let alon That should this Association hold its meeting in any town whe there are not water works, then under these rules they could ha the race and it a dry run. As it is it does no harm. The suppos tion is that we are racing for fire purposes. It is a wet run we a after. The Committee recommends that it be let alone and governed by the local committees in the towns."

Mr. Elam said:

"We have got two races and one of those races requires wate

The question was whether the word "wet" should stricken out or not. Upon the vote being taken by accl mation the Chair could not make decision, and up motion it was taken by companies, and resulted as follow In favor of striking out word "wet" 11 votes; against 34.

It was moved that the report of the Executive Com-
ittee be adopted as regards Section 11. Motion carried.
Section 11, of the report was read by the Secretary as
llows:

"That in Section 1, under the same heading the figures '400' in
e last line be stricken out and '350' be substituted. The Com-
ittee recommends that such change be made."

On motion this Section was adopted.

Section 4 was read and adopted.

Section 5 was read and adopted.

Section 6 was read by the Secretary.

Mr. Willis said:

"I oppose that recommendation. I think that the Association
these contests has gotten as far away as possible from actual
uty. To illustrate: The two companies existing in Newbern
ave two horses. Numbers of times when the alarm is sounded
e horses are on the streets, and because our horse is the quietest
e keep him for that work. Frequently we have taken our horses
om the streets and hitched them up. I call attention to that
ecause there are numbers of horses used daily because of their
orth in certain lines. Now, we all know that it is not always on
e jump, but it is when you jump and get on that you get there
nd do your work. And it is something you must rely on or you
ill get left. Under rulings this tournament must be held and the
orses hitched when at the race."

Chief Newman said:

"Mr. Chairman, my position is this, we are getting away from the
ctual practical duty and we must not. There is not a department
this State that could afford to have their horses hitched all the
me. I think if the association wants to overcome the difficulty of
itching the horses in the streets Newbern will bear the expense of
uilding a house. I am arguing for active service."

Mr. Stone said:

"I am exactly with Mr. Newman. We have horses that it takes

about six men to hitch up when we go back from a fire. Whe starting they are no trouble at all."

Moved that the recommendation of the Executiv Committee as contained in Section 6 be adopted. Motio carried.

Section 7 of the report of the Executive Committe was read and adopted.

The Secretary read Section 8 of the Report, and th following discussion ensued:

A member said:

"There may be some who will not be able to make an affidavi I knew of a case such as that before. I think it would be a har ship."

Mr. Newman moved that it be amended, "If case should not prove fatal."

Mr. McNeill said:

"The Executive Committee will always have authority to gra it if the patient should be unable to make affidavit. I believe th the benefits to be derived from adopting it as it is are more tha the other would be."

Mr. Newman said:

"In every accident association the man who has the accident is sick has to apply. I moved that amendment be made that in cas the case is not fatal that he be required to sign it. It ought to signed by him. Unless application is from the member it is n application at all."

Mr. Stone said:

"In case an applicant himself makes affidavit that he has bee disabled so many days, is it necessary that a physician's certifica should accompany it? If a physician comes and certifies the fa that the beneficiary has been sick for so many days, where is th need of the applicant's certificate. It seems to me that the two ar superfluous; one is sufficient."

Mr. McNeill said:

"One of my duties has been to investigate and approve. I ha had chiefs send applications for benefits that were so inconsiste with the very facts in the case that they have had to come and co

ect them. I have had physicians during the past twelve months do ne same thing. I can suggest that it be remedied in this way, by dding, 'In case of the mental or physical incapacity of the one naking this application, the Foreman will be able to do it.' I nove as an amendment: 'In case the injured fireman is incapaciated mentally or physically his foreman's certificate will be sufcient."

On motion the report was adopted as amended.

Mr. McNeill read telegram from the First Vice-President of the Association.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 6th, 1895.

. W. Griffith, Secretary, Convention Hall:

Am unavoidably prevented from attending the Convention toay. Please express my regrets. Trust that Convention and 'ournament will be a grand success.

E. G. PARMELE.

It was moved that the present Rules be suspended, nd the Rules governing the races at this tournament be hose recommended by the Committee and adopted by he Association. Motion carried.

It was moved that the Secretary inform the foremen of he competing teams of any changes made in the printed Rules, so that they can be so governed in the coming ontests. Motion carried.

The President announced that the Rules printed, with ne amendments adopted, would govern the races of the ournament during the next day or so.

The Chairman of the Committee on exhibits called a neeting of that Committee for that afternoon at 4:30 in ne Hall.

On motion, a recess was taken until 8:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the Presider at 8:30 o'clock.

The Secretary called the attention of the members c the Convention to several arrivals since the mornin meeting.

It was moved that delegates and chiefs entitled to vot in the Convention should sit on the left and all others o the right of the Hall. Motion carried.

The Secretary stated that the last matter before th Convention in the morning was the Report of Executiv Committee, and the next business in order was Report of officers.

The President's report being first in order, was rea by the President, and on motion, received by the Con vention and ordered printed in the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

My friends and Brother Firemen of the North Carolina Stat Fireman's Association:

I hand you herewith, my report, as President of your State Assc ciation, covering the events, financial and otherwise of the pa fiscal year.

In the performance of my duties as your Executive Official, have endeavored to conscientiously see that even-handed justic was rendered in every case, in which either our Association or it individual membership was interested.

I am indeed glad to report that I was able, during the last sessio of the Legislature to have error of the previous session correcte and that the muddle that we were in at our last meeting, now, n longer exists. In this matter I had the willing assistance of mem bers of both our own and the colored Association, to whom I thu publicly acknowledge our thanks and appreciation, as the justice right and merits of our appropriation appears to be fully acknowl edged by all, and I can see no reason whatever to apprehend an trouble in the future, in regard to its willing continuance on th part of our law makers.

T. A. Green, Treasurer.

When our membership shall have increased to the extent of mbracing every town and city in the State, which must eventually e the case, then indeed, will we be safe and secure in the enjoy- ›yment of a fund, so eminently just and necessary to our organ- ;ed existence.

It was my intention to visit all the principle points in the State uring the past month and to try by personal persuasion to interest ll in a more enthusiastic appreciation of our Association, by howing to them the many advantages to be derived by becoming ıembers. But unfortunately, my private business interests were uch as to render it simply impossible for me to do so; was equally nfortunate in not being able to persuade other members of the 'xecutive Committee to go in my place. I most earnestly recom- ıend that my successor be urged to perform this duty, either in erson or by the appointment of some competent party. I cannot ut believe that every department will willingly join when the mat- :r is properly put before them.

I am glad to report an increase in membership as will be shown y our Secretary's report.

During my term of office I have audited and ordered paid twen- /-nine applications for Relief from our Fund, amounting to 1100.50, a detailed statement of which will be found in your 'reasurer's Report.

In this connection, I would again call the attention of Chiefs of epartments to the importance of carefully posting themselves as › rules and requirements accompanying an application for Relief, efore certifying to it, and forwarding claims to the Executive ffice for approval. In several instances during the past year, laims have been sent in so utterly at variance with the rules as to ause much delay, trouble and expense before they could be prop- rly audited and paid. As far as I know, every claim has been ıtisfactorily adjusted but one.

From your Treasurer's Report, you will note that our General 'und for current expenses is overdrawn, with several outstanding ccounts still unpaid, showing that with our present revenue, it is npossible to meet the regular necessary expenses, and pay the sal- ries voted to our Secretary and Treasurer at our last meeting. ›ur expense account for printing, postage and incidental items has een most carefully looked after both by myself and worthy Secretary, nd I recommend that means be adopted at once to increase our

annual revenue, in order that actual and necessary expenses ma be promptly met. I can see no room for retrenchment from th past years expenses, and unless the salaries of our Secretary an Treasurer are reduced, which I do not recommend, we will be co fronted with a continuous and increasing deficiency. I trust th this matter will be satisfactorily provided for at this session.

It is with much pleasure that I can report an increased intere and appreciation of our Association and its annual meeting, bo by its members and the public generally, and I feel assured that o meeting this year, in the hospitable and enthusiastic city of Ne bern, will cause all of our luke-warm and hide-bound members feel the impulse of a hand to hand contact, with such a generou warm-hearted and devoted brotherhood of volunteer fireman, ar make them inwardly resolve that when they go home that they wi profit by the example here shown them, and try and make ther selves *like unto them.* It has been my personal privilege to me them at every gathering since they joined the Association, and know that I am a better fireman, and probably, more of a prohib tionist than I was before making their honorable acquaintance.

To those of my comrades who were with me at our first meetir in Greensboro in 1888, I would recall the great difference betwee then and now. Our membership has grown since then from : members to 572 members. Our equipments in value, from a fe thousand to tens of thousands. Our discipline, from mediocri as a rule, to almost perfection, and we have by organization ma the calling of a Volunteer Fireman in North Carolina the mo honorable and appreciated of any in the land. Let us contin this good work until the North Carolina State Fireman's Associ tion shall take the first rank in the larger body of the Nation Association of Fire Engineers.

Since our last meeting death has taken from us one of our mo honored members, E. B. Englehard, who was our first Secreta and 2nd President. He was a most enthusiastic and efficient fir man, and a splendid executive official. To him, our capital ci owes much for its present efficient department. He was its chi organizer and it was his pride. Stricken down in the prime of h manhood, his untimely death is but too real an example of ho uncertain our life-tenure is, and should cause us all to realize ho very important it is that we should so regulate our earthly existen as to be always ready to answer the call, when rung in for us

ppear before the Great High Chief for orders. *Requiescat in pace.* I would ask that a page of our minutes be devoted to his memry and that a copy of the same be sent to his department and to is family, attesting our high regard for his memory, and our grief t his untimely death.

In conclusion, gentlemen, let me thank you for the high honor ou conferred upon me last year by electing me as President of our State Association. It is an honor to be desired, and again I hank you for it.

I would be derelict in my duty did I not express to you the obligations that are due to our present and very efficient Secretary and nost worthy Treasurer. This Convention will certainly make no nistake if it should see proper to say to them, "Well done, thou good ınd faithful servants." I am certainly under obligations to them or courtesies extended and kindly assistance rendered.

Now, with this plain matter of fact, statement of events differing o greatly in its lack of rhetoric and flowing words from the reports of my predecessors, allow me, gentlemen to render the ıccount of my stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. McNEILL,
President N. C. State Firemen's Association.

Chief Newman moved that as the Mayors from Wilmington, Fayetteville and Newbern were in the hall, that they be invited to seats on the platform. The President appointed Chiefs Newman, Capps and Taylor to escort them to the platform.

The President said:

"The life and existence of fire organizations is to a certain extent so dependent upon our Mayors and Board of Aldermen, hat we are glad to pay honors to the Mayors of those three cities of North Carolina. We wish all were here."

The Report of the Secretary being the next in order, was read by the Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Aug. 5th, 1895.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Fir men's Association:

GENTLEMEN:—For the fifth time it becomes my duty as yo Secretary to report to you the status of affairs connected with th Association at the end of this the *seventh* year of our organizatio

Our ranks have been invaded and some of our brainiest and be men have been cut down. Yet we have much to be thankful fo we are bound to feel that the Almighty, the giver of all good h been kind to us.

From a pecuniary stand point, this year has not been as satisfa tory as the last. Our income in dollars and cents is not quite much, but I believe this was brought about by a decision of th Association at its last meeting bearing on the intent and meanin of a part of our By-laws. I am glad to report, when we are wantin in dollars and cents, the interest in the work has not been wan ing. I have enrolled during the year 4 new companies, viz:

Jan. 1st, 1895, Electric Hose and Reel Co., Goldsboro, 12 men.

March 18th, 1895, Eagle Hose Co. No. 2, Salem, 16 men.

May 21st, 1895, Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder Co., Wilmingto 10 men.

Aug. 5th, 1895, Fire Co. No. 1, Kinston, 20 men.

And reinstated two companies who have heretofore been droppe for non payment of dues, viz:

March 1st, 1895, Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Ashevill 13 men.

May 2nd, 1895, Steam Fire Co. No. 1, Monroe, 30 men.

With these reported as beneficiaries by the Secretaries of th different companies gives us a membership of 539 privates, Chief and 9 assistants, 1 individual member; total 565. A fallin off of 82 from membership reported for last year. Most of th companies have paid up their dues in full to January 1st, 189

The following are the delinquents:

Charlotte Fire Department, amount due for the year, ... $12.
Paid ..... $9.
Balance due ..... $3.

Fire Company No. 1, Goldsboro, amount due ..... $9.

Paid $6.50
Balance due.....$2 88
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Tarboro, amount due.....$5.63
Paid.....$4.00
Balance due $1.63
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Wilmington, amount due...$19.38
Paid.....$15.50
Balance due $3.88
Phoenix Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Wilson, amount due.....$16.88
Paid.....$16.50
Balance due.....$3.38
Whole amount due from Companies.....$14.77
Total amount due to January 1st, 1896, ...$16.02

NOTE—Since closing the above nearly all the Companies have paid dues in full to Jan. 1st, 1896, which will be credited to them in next report.—SECRETARY.

The Association is greatly indebted to Mr. W. O. Howard, one of our members, also a member of the last Legislature, and our worthy President for the interest shown by them, in looking after the good of the Association, and having righted the mistake made by the Enrolling Clerk of the Legislature of 1893, whereby the intent of the bill was changed.

I am glad to report that the bill now stands on the statutes as first intended, but for a full statement of the facts, I refer to the report of our Legislative Committee.

The proceedings of our last Convention have been printed and over 300 copies sent out to all parts of the country, of course, first remembering our own members. I have received a great many letters of congratulations on the success our Association is making. I exchange proceedings with the Secretaries of every Association in the United States, and I am proud to say *no Association* (all things considered) is making any better progress. This ought to inspire us each and every one to try to do more. There are none truer or better than the North Carolina Firemen, and very few States are recognizing and doing for her firemen what our dear old "Tar Heel" State is.

I was instructed by the Association at the last meeting to continue to visit the cities, towns and Hamlets, in the interest of fire protection and the Association. At a meeting of the Executive

Committee held after the adjournment of the Convention, by r quest of the President the work was transfered to him, a repo of which he will give you.

I have received during the year from all sources, initiation fee dues, advertising, &c., &c. $412.00, for $404.56 of which I hold th Treasurer's receipt.

The outstanding accounts are as follows:

T. A. Green, Treas., Fourth Quarter of Salary	$37.!
J. W. Griffith, Sec., " " "	50.(
Ben. T. Amerson, Statistician, Salary	25.(
Postage, &c. for same	6.1
Reece & Elam, printing, &c	17.!
Total	$136.:

Have issued 18 warrants on the General Fund to the amount $476.89 as follows:

Sept. 24th, 1894,	No. 1 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	$ 5.(
Sept. 28th,	No. 2 to J. W. Griffith for Stenographer	10.(
Nov. 5th,	No. 3 to C. G. Braxmar	10.(
Nov. 20th,	No. 4 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	50.(
Dec. 11th,	No. 5 to T. A. Green, Treas	37..
Dec. 19th,	No. 6 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	10.(
Jan. 5th, 1895,	No. 7 to T. A. Green	2.
Jan 9th,	No. 8 to Reece & Elam	100.(
Jan. 31st,	No. 9 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	5.(
March 2nd,	No. 10 to Reece & Elam	45.(
March 6th,	No. 11 to T. A. Green, Treas	37..
March 6th,	No. 12 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	50.(
March 18th,	No. 13 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	5.(
April 14th,	No. 14 to Jas. D. McNeil, Pres	14.:
May 23rd,	No. 15 to T. A. Green, Treas	37.!
May 23rd,	No. 16 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	50.(
June 7th,	No. 17 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	5.(
July 15th,	No. 18 to J. W. Griffith, Sec	2..
Total		$476.!

Have received 25 applications for benefits from the Relief Fu and on approval of the President, have issued warrants as follow

ept. 27, 1894	No. 1 to B. R. Russell, Wilmington, 46 days...	$ 92.00
ept. 27,	No. 2 to Mrs. Laura F. Styran, Newbern, death benefit.....	300.00
ept. 27,	No. 3 to Jas. S. Dunn, Winston, 15 days.....	30.00
ept. 27,	No. 4 to E. Holder, Winston, 9 days.....	18.00
ept. 27,	No. 5 to Chas. Moore, Greensboro, 21 days...	42.00
ct. 4,	No. 6 to H. P. Willis, Newberne, 5 days	10.00
ct. 4,	No. 7 to Jas. D. McNeil, Fayetteville, 7 days..	14.00
ct. 5,	No. 9 to David H. Jones, Fayetteville, 9 days.	18.00
ct. 11,	No. 10 to C. H. Swink, Salisbury, 3 days	6.00
ct. 26,	No. 11 to Sam'l J. Davis, Wilmington, 5 days.	10.00
ec. 5,	No. 13 to Geo. J. McMillan, Wilmington, 11ds,	22.00
ec. 8,	No. 14 to Chas. M. Jetton, Charlotte, 30 days .	60.00
an. 24, 1895,	No. 15 to G. C. Jones, Newbern, 8 days.....	16.00
eb. 26,	No. 16 to B. R. Russell, Wilmington, 4 days..	8.00
pril 21,	No. 18 to Jas. D. McNeil, Fayetteville, 14 dys.	28.00
pril 24;	No. 19 to J. Roddick, Fayetteville, 5 days....	10.00
pril 27,	No. 20 to Jas. Williams, Wilmington, 11 days.	22.00
une 21,	No. 22 to H. L. Peterson, Wilmington, 5 days.	10.00
une 22,	No. 23 to Jno. W. Blooms, Wilmington, 31 ds.	62.00
une 24,	No. 24 to J. D. Burkeheimer, Wilmington, 18ds.	36.00
ly 10,	No. 26 to W. F. Keith, Winston, 40 days	80.00
uly 15,	No. 27 to W. P. Platt, Wilmington, 7 days....	14.00
uly 22,	No. 28 to F. Keath, Greensboro, 7 days.....	14.00
uly 26,	No. 29 to W. B. Johnson, Fayeteville, 3 days.	6.00

The following warrants were issued by order of the Executive ommittee, viz :

ct. 4, 1894,	No 8 to Dilliard & King, Geensboro, att'y fees,	$10.00
ct. 3,	No. 12 to Chas. Lewis, Greensboro, 1st quarter annual appropriation.....	37.50
ar. 2,	No. 17 to Chas. Lewis, Greensboro, 2nd, quarter annual appropriation,.....	37.50
ay 23,	To Chas. Lewis, Greensboro, 3rd quarter annual appropriation	$37.50
uly 6,	To Mrs. Chas. Lewis, Greensboro, Funeral expenses for husband, Chas. Lewis.....	50.00

Making a total..... $ 1100.50

More of our members have "passed over the river" during the

year than ever before, since the organization of our Association, a follows:

Sept. 20th, 1894, Guy F. Styron, Newbern.
Feb. 9th, 1895. Ed. B. Englehard, Raleigh.
March 8th, 1895, N. V. Herndon, Durham,
May 14th, 1895, Frank Braman, Raleigh.
June 17th, 1895, Chas. Lewis, Greensboro.
July 15th, 1895, John W. Fink, Chief Fire Department, Concord

All printed matter necessary was furnished the President an Statistician, postage was also furnished the President.

At our last meeting the report of our former Statistician (Mr Craft) was not forthcoming.

On motion of Mr. Parmelee, the Secretary was instructed t notify Mr. Craft, the Association expected him to get up said repo and forward same at once that same might be included in proceed ings. I complied with said motion, and delayed the printing proceedings some time waiting for the report. But none came an no explanation, I substituted the one for previous year.

It having been agitated for some time, at the request of th Secretary of the Virginia Firemen's Association, I ask the ap pointment of a committee of five (5) to act with a similar com mittce from said Association, to look into the advisability and t suggest ways and means and time and place for holding a joir Convention and Tournament, between the Virginia and Nort Carolina Associations, the same to report to the Executive Com mittee at a future time.

There having been a week set apart by the management of th "Cotton States Exposition" to be known as "Fireman's Week," a which time large and handsome cash and other prizes are offere to the "Hose teams" making best time, I suggest the appointmen of a committee to take into consideration the advisability, way and means, &c., of sending a "Hose Team" from North Carolina the expense of same to be borne by the Association and whateve prizes won, if any, the same to go to the Association to be used a they see best, said committee to report at to-night's session.

I also wish to call the attention of the Convention to the Railroa rates; it does seem to me we, as firemen, do deserve better rates ove the Railroads, and I certainly do think we should have just as chea rates as other organizations who meet annually and never do an thing for the good or protection of the Rail Road companies.

Ben. T. Amerson, Statistician.

:hausted myself this time trying to secure better rates than was ven us, but to no avail. I suggest that the Convention allow e Secretary expenses to visit the Commissioners (who control is matter for the Railroads) personally, or the appointment of a ›mmittee to be known as the "Transportation Committee," whose ıty it shall be to look after the securing of rates for our annual eetings, and I wish to say, this committee can do nothing more an has been done, unless they be given power to expend some-ing in attending to the matter.

I also wish to call attention to the handsome badges and the ›tern (which has already been awarded) sent me to be offered as izes in our Tournament, viz:

The first is offered by the Eureka Fire Hose Company of New ɔrk, to the Hand Hook and Ladder Company making best time, be contested for under the rules governing Hand Hook and ıdder contest, with the following added: The badge to be the operty of no Company till won three times in succession. But be held by the winning Company till within ten days of next eeting of the Association.

The other is offered by the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufac-ring Company, of New York, to the Hose Team making best ne in the "Grab Race," to be the property of the winners.

Also a handsome Nickle Plated Officers Lantern, to be given to ›reman of Company having best uniformed company in parade eportment, numbers and gentlemanly bearing considered).

At my solicitation these prizes were sent to me to be offered as ove, and I hope the Association will show their appreciation of me, by the adoption of proper resolutions.

[wish to thank one and all for the many courtesies shown and ıch assistance rendered me during the past year. With this I ve been able to keep the records of the Association right with-t this, I would not have been able.

[cannot close this report without calling the attention of the nvention to the active attention given to the work during the ır by our worthy President, in which he has handled the busi-ss of the Association all for our best interest and welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. GRIFFITH, *Sec'y.*

Mr. Lambert, of Atlanta, Georgia, offered to uniform e Chief of the Fire Company whose company throws

a stream of water the farthest, which was accepted b the Convention with thanks.

Moved that the Secretary's Report be adopted.

Mr. Donnell, of Greensboro, requested that the claus relating to the hose reel be re-read.

Mr. Stone enquired if the company winning the med at this tournament would be competing for the final pos session of the medal.

Mr. Willis stated that he thought the question wa upon the adoption of the report. He was under th impression that the contest to-morrow would hav nothing to do with the final ownership of the medal.

The Secretary explained that the difficulty could b overcome by striking out the words, "the same as i championship hose race."

The Secretary's Report, with the above words stricke out, was received and placed on file.

The next in order was the Treasurer's Report, whic was read by the Treasurer as follows:

NEWBERN, N. C,, Aug. 7th, 1895.

To the President and Members of the North Carolina State Fir man's Association:

GENTLEMEN:—The Finance Committee have examined the boo of your Treasurer, Mr. T. A. Green, and find all correct,

Also the books of your Secretary, Dr. J. W. Griffith, and find tl Association due him a voucher for $5.95 expense account, and D Griffith due the Association $7.64, which leaves a balance due tl Association after deducting the $5,95 of $1.69.

W. D. BARRINGTON,
M. V. B. CAPPS,
F. H VOGLER. } Com

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1894.			
ept.	14,	To cash received of J. W. Griffith, Secretary,	$ 89.33
Iov.	7,	" " " " "	16.76
)ec.	17,	" " " " "	20.55
"	27,	" " " " "	42.88
895.			
an.	17,	" " " " "	68.50
'eb.	14,	" " " " "	34.45
"	19'	" " " " "	57.25
Iar.	4,	" " " " "	41.50
"	19,	" " " " "	33.37
ıpril	11,	" " " " "	30.93
Iay	16,	" " " " "	35.00
une	3,	" " " " "	16.25
uly	19,	" " " " "	6.92
			$493.69

1894.				
ept.	14.	By cash paid F. Ulrich, for Book		$2.00
)ct.	2,	" " J. W. Griffith, voucher, No.	1,	6.00
"	5,	" " Miss H. C. Peterson, "	2,	10.00
)ec.	3,	" " C. G. Braxmar, "	3,	10.00
"	"	" " J. W. Griffith, "	4,	50.00
"	21,	" " T. A. Green, "	5,	37.50
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an.	12,	" " J. W. Griffith. "	6,	10.00
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"	31,	" " Reece & Elam, "	8,	100.00
'eb.	11,	" " J. W. Griffith, "	9,	5.00
Iar.	12,	" " T. A. Green, "	11,	37.50
"	18,	" " Reece & Elam, "	10,	45.00
"	"	" " J, W. Griffith, "	12,	50.00
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Iay	24,	" " J. D. McNeil. "	14,	14.78
une	6,	" " T. A. Green, "	15,	37.50
"	"	" " J. W. Griffith, "	16,	50.00
"	20,	" " J. W. Griffith, "	17,	5.00
uly	31,	" " J. W. Griffith, "	18,	2.50
ıug.	5,	To balance on hand,		13.80
				$493.69

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. GREEN, *Treasurer.*

And on motion turned over to the Finance Committe to be audited.

The Statistician's Report was read, and received an placed on file.

The President commended him upon the thoroughnes of his Report.

The next business was the Reports of Committees.

The Executive Committee's Report having been ha the Report of the Legislative Committee was called fo

The President stated that it had been impracticab and would have been of no use for the Committee t have convened in Raleigh for the purposes for whic they would have been called, but he went there himse at the expense of the Association and did everythin that could be done.

Mr. VonGlahn moved that the vote of thanks of th Convention be extended the worthy President for goin to Raleigh and accomplishing what all desired. Carri unanimously.

Mr. VonGlahn said:

"There are the three handsomest men in North Carolina sitti on the platform, and we would like to hear from them expressio of their idea of the value of the fire departments in their cities. mean from the Mayors of Wilmington, Fayetteville and Newber

Mr. Fishblate, the Mayor of Wilmington, spoke as fo lows:

"MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:—I did not come to Ne bern expecting to be called upon to make a speech before th Association, but nothing gives me more pleasure than to expres few words for the firemen of North Carolina. I would say tha never have attended a meeting with an object of this kind in t State—and I have attended a large number of meetings, State Co ventions and other Conventions—and I can state that I have ne seen quite as fine a body of men as I see in this Convention here night. It speaks well for the firemen of North Carolina. We h

ıe best element of the State, the best people of the State repre-
:nted here to-night.

"I can say to the other cities, as I have said to the firemen of
Vilmington, that all towns, all municipalities, should have every-
ıing to encourage the volunteer fire department. I have always
ated to the firemen of Wilmington, that as long as I am Mayor
nd with the present Board of Aldermen, anything that the fire
epartment of Wilmington wants, all it has to do is to ask for it.
is a great institution. It is a great saving to the cities and towns
f the States. I do not believe there is another State in this Union
here they have as complete a volunteer fire department as they
ave in North Carolina. There is not a city that has a paid fire
epartment, and I do not think another State can make the same
atement.

"As far as the rating of the fire department in North Carolina
concerned, if you will look at the rating of other cities, such as
Iew York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, you will see that the rates
f our fire departments are as high as any other city in the Union.
hey rate A No. 1. It is a surprise to the Insurance companies,
he Underwriters, that North Carolina has such a complete system.

"I do not know what else I could say to you, gentlemen; I have
een a firemen myself and I have served my time and I am proud
f it. I hope at the next State Convention, if I am living, to be
vith you again. This is the first one I have ever attended, and I
m so well pleased that I expect to attend a great many more."

The Mayor from Fayetteville, Mr. Cook, spoke as
ollows:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen:—As the President of this
Association well knows, I never have anything to say at home.
He does all the talking for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
(Laughing.)

"I can say that I am glad to be with you. I have often desired
o visit Newbern, and I took this occasion to be with the firemen.
have never been a firemen, but from the reading of the financial
condition of your Association, I am inclined to them. It is in a
better better condition than most of the treasuries of the cities and
owns. I think I shall connect myself with them as long as the
inances continue in that state. I agree with the Mayor from Wil-
nington about the value of the departments."

Mr. Ellis, Mayor of Newbern, spoke as follows:

"MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:—You have given me problem that I can not solve—the worth of the department—it something that I can not figure out. Their worth is not known t me. I have been an active fireman for twenty-one years, and fully agree with every word that has been said by the other Mayor They are very necessary in every community. I hope you will e cuse me, for I am not a speaking man."

The President thanked the Mayors as follows:

"I desire to thank the Mayors for the Convention for their kin words. We are glad to know that the heads of our cities appr ciate it as they have shown they do."

The Report of the Committee on Exhibits was calle for and read by the Chairman, Mr. Barrington.

NEWBERN, N. C., Aug. 8th, 1895.

To the President and Members of the N. C. State Fireman Association.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on exhibits beg leave to mak the following report on exhibits examined by them. After careful examing into the merits of the Maxim and Hecht Automatic Fi Alarm, we unhesitatingly pronounce the same perfect in all i details and would recommend it to the public, as of great value i saving lives and property.

We also examined the fire fighting apparatus of the differe manufacturers represented here by Mr. Lambert, and would sa that we were particurlarly impressed with the "Ball Nozzel" as perfect fire fighting invention. Also the Revere Rubber Compar hose deserves special mention, and the entire exhibit as shown b him is very creditable, and would repay any one interested in fi fighting to examine the same.

We also would call your attention to the exhibit of tbe Gamewe Fire Alarm Telegraph Company, made by Mr. A. C. Farrand, whic needs no comments from us, as any one acquainted with fire alar systems will at once see the superior merits of the Gamewell. W unhesitatingly recommend it to any town needing a fire alar system.

H. P. Christie, of 231 Madison Street Brooklyn, New York, re resented the interests of the C. Callahan Company, 164 High Stre Boston, manufacturers of the Callahan Hose, Relief Valves, co

olling Nozzle, Play Pipes, Hydrant Gates, Couplings and every ing for perfecting the equipment of fire departments; and the ods he offers are so well known in our fire departments that any ord of commendation from this Committee would seem super- ous. We can only do as previous committees have annually ne, recommend all departments—if any—unacquainted with Mr. to put his name on their lists and "give the old man a chance," hen they are in the market for anything.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BARRINGTON,
F. H. VOGLER,
R. D. HOLT,
MARTIN NEWMAN,
T. S. DUNN,
Committee.

was moved that the Report be received. Carried.

The next in order was Miscellaneous Business.

The Secretary said:

"I want to call attention to the presence in our midst of Mr. Lam- ert, of Atlanta, Ga., whose name has been brought before you in nnection with the exhibits. I ask that the Convention call him rward and have a few remarks from him. He is a man interested the fire service and has the good of North Carolina firemen at eart, and he stands ready to do anything in his power to help the orth Carolina firemen along. He has been with us, this is the cond time in our Annual Conventions. I hope you will call him rward.

"I want, also, to move that he be made an honorary member of ir Association, on this ground: that he takes an active interest in id attends our Conventions and I believe will do us good."

By unanimous vote, Mr. Lambert was made an onorary member of the Association.

Mr. Lambert remarked:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the North Carolina Fire men's Association:

I am no speaker, but it gives me great pleasure to be with you -night. I do not want to talk shop business here with you, but I n with you always. The State of North Carolina ranks with the

best of the Southern States. I live in Atlanta, Ga., and if ever North Carolina fireman comes to Atlanta let me know it. I c not want to speak to you to-night because I am not a speaker. am not like all these fine flowery speakers here at my side. I on want to extend to this Association my thanks for the kindnes When it comes to business I am with you. I just want to say th if you want anything I have over there, you can have it. This all I have to say to you to-night. It took me about two days to g this speech. I am obliged to you."

The Secretary moved that the Association make th Mayors of Wilmington, Fayetteville, Greensboro an Newbern honorary members of the Association. Carrie

The Secretary requested a few words from anoth gentleman, Mr. Moore, representing the Stemple Fi Extinguisher.

Mr. Moore said:

"*Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the North Carolina Fir men's Association:*

I am sorry that I cannot speak to you. I would just like to sta that to-morrow in the afternoon we expect to give an exhibitio following the steamer contest, and would like to have everybo there. We will try to give you satisfaction. I am very mu obliged to your Secretary."

The Secretary also introduced Mr. Farrand, repr sentative of the Gamewell Fire Alarm System, who sai

"GENTLEMEN:—I only have a few words to say to the firemen regard to the fire alarm telegraph. I think most every body know what it is. The firemen and chiefs who have not this Gamewe Fire Alarm System they don't know what they are missing. The don't know the amount of time they lose at fires. We claim th you gain all the way from ten to thirty minutes, from the time t fire is found till the alarm reaches the department. It puts t citizen and property holders in direct communication with the fi department, giving him a chance to turn in to the nearest fire d partment, and then you can get to the fire almost before it is starte Now, there is no piece of fire apparatus that can put out a burnir building when it is all afire. The aim is to get the apparatus the

L. J. Taylor, Chief Fire Department, Newbern.

efore it is out of reach of the department. We have our apparatus ere, and if there is any one who would like to see it I would like ɔ explain it. To those who have seen it before I would like to how some improvements since last year."

The Secretary stated that the next business was the ppointment of a Committee to act with the Virginia ssociation, as suggested by the Secretary in his report.

The President said:

"The Chair would like to know whether it is the wish of the onvention to go into anything of that sort."

Moved that the question of a joint meeting be laid ver for future consideration. Carried.

The President asked the wish of the Convention abou ıking steps to be represented on the Firemen's Day at tlanta.

Mr. Donnell, of Greensboro, wanted to know how ıey would get up the team.

The President thought it would be impracticable.

The Secretary said his attention was called to it by hief Joyner, of Atlanta, who requested that North arolina send a team, and consequently he had brought before the Association.

Mr. Capps suggested that the place which has the rgest number of teams might send one, as it would be npracticable to take one person from one place and nother from another and so on.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to look ıto the selection of a team to go from the State of North arolina to Atlanta.

Mr. Newman wanted to know who was to pay the xpenses, for the Association could not.

The Secretary said that theCommittee would be empowered to look into the advisability of sending a team.

Mr. Donnell thought that no team could go if it had to ıy its own expenses.

The former motion was amended that the matter left to the Executive Committee of the North Carol State Firemen's Association. Carried.

The next matter was the appointment of a Commit known as the Transportation Committee, to attend railroad rates for the Conventions, or authorizing Secretay to attend to it.

The Chair said:

"The Chair would like to state that he found the local agent different lines very favorable to us, but the commissioner at R mond did not recognize the Volunteer Firemen of North Caro any more than he did some of the colored preachers. I wrote self personally, but it did no good. We are in the power of associated railroads in regard to rates."

Mr. Capps said that they could not get any rates fr Salisbury.

Mr. Newman moved that no special committee be pointed, but that the matter be left as heretofore with Executive Committee and with the Secretary. Carr

The next business was the selection of judges and forth, for the championship hose race; three judges, time-keeper and starter. These would be to take cha of the race under the rules.

Moved that the President appoint the Judges, Sta and Time-Keeper of the Championship Hose Race.

Mr. McCarthy thought that the teams in the con ought to have a judge from their company.

Mr. Newman thought that no company interested the contest ought to have a judge in the race. It be some one who is entirely disinterested.

The above motion was put to a vote and carried.

Mr. Amerson moved that each company in the co appoint one judge and that the President appoint rest. No second.

Mr. Stone rose to state that the Association had notl

do with the appointment of the judges; that the judges e appointed by the different chiefs represented in the ssociation.

The President read the Rules governing this matter, d appointed the following committee:

JUDGES—W. C. VonGlahn, J. R. Willis, J. S. Dunn.

STARTER—J. W. Griffith.

TIMER.—M. H. Suther.

The Secretary requested the foreman of the teams presented in the contests to call at his room, No. 24, hattawka, the next morning at 8 o'clock, to select dges, Starters and Time-Keepers for the coming races.

Chief Taylor suggested that the steamers contesting r quick steaming report: The Wilmington Steam Fire ngine Company and the Howard Relief Company each ntered an engine; Greensboro, one; Winston one; and oldsboro one. The Chiefs of these departments were equested to report to the Secretary the next morning.

The Seeretary stated that these Chiefs must select for dges men whose companies have no competing engine.

The President read the Rule governing selection of dges.

Chief Taylor requested those who would take part in e hose reel race to report. Newbern entered one company for the hose reel race; Greensboro two; and Fayetteville one. The Captains of these teams were requested o report to elect judges at the same time and place as e steamer judges.

For the Grab Race Greensboro entered two; Fayetteille one and Newbern one. The judges in the hose reel ace would also act in this.

It was moved and seconded, that the publication of Mr. Stone, of Greensboro, known as *The Volunteer Fireman*, be adopted as the official organ of the Association. Carried.

The Secretary read a telegram from Chief F. F Greatorex, from St. Augustine, Fla.

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., Aug. 6th, 1895.

Hon. Jas. D. McNeill, President North Carolina State Firemen Association, Newbern, N. C., in session:

As Chief of St. Augustine Fire Department I wish your Associ: tion peace and prosperity. I am with you in spirit.

F. H. GREATOREX, SR.,
Chief St. Augustine Fire Department.

Moved that the Secretary be authorized to write letter acknowledging the receipt. Carried.

A communication was read from F. J. Roulet, Chief Augusta Fire Department, as follows:

AUGUSTA, GA., Aug. 4th, 1895.

J. W. Griffith, Sec'y North Carolina State Firemen's Associ. tion, Newbern, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly extend in behalf of the Inter-N tional Association of Fire Engineers and myself, a cordial invit tion to all delegates attending your Convention, to be present our Convention, to be held in Augusta, Ga., Oct. 7th, 8th, 9th, ar 10th, 1895,

If you will kindly furnish me with a list of membership of yo Association, I will, later on, send an invitation to each and eve member. Wishing you a very successful and enjoyable meetin I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

F. J. ROULETT,
Chief Augusta Fire Department.

The President stated that it was the duty of the Ass ciation to elect a delegate to represent them at tl meeting of the National Association which meets Augusta, Ga., Oct. 7th to 10th.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary write letter to the Chief of the Augusta Fire Department, reply to the communication received from him.

Mr. Stone rose to thank the Association for the resol tion passed above, and said:

"I rise to thank the Association for the adoption of the *Volun-er Fireman* as the official organ of the Firemen's Association. I onsider it a very high honor, and I wish to say that we propose to ake it strictly an organ of this Association as well as the repre-entative of all the volunteer firemen throughout this country. I ope that the members of the Association present here to-night will d us in every way they can. We cannot run it ourselves. If we o not have some assistance from the members, we cannot run it. will also state that if any members present will come by I will ke pleasure in giving them copies of the paper."

A letter from H. B. Bloom was read, who had been ivited to come to the Association, and had been expected ut in the letter just received he had declined as follows:

SUMTER, S. C,, Aug. 5th, 1895.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Sec'y, Care Hotel Chattawka, Newbern, N C.:

MY DEAR SIR:—Your kind favor of the 3d, is duly to hand, and thank you for your promptness. It is a source of the most pro-ound regret to me that circumstances have arisen which will make impossible for me to leave Sumter until Wednesday, and then it ill be too late. I should have taken the matter up sooner I will robably call upon you at an early day for assistance or informa-on, as to the organization of a State Association in South Caro-na. I feel that the Carolinas should be closely allied as possiole n all matters.

The Sumter Department, with myself, sends you greeting and ood wishes for the continued advancement of your organization, nd may this meeting be as you anticipate, the biggest success of ne series.

Personal regards to my old friend Elam, if you see him.

Fraternally yours,

H. B. BLOOM.

The Secretary was authorized to pursue the same course ith this communication as with the others.

Moved that recess be taken till to-morrow evening 8.30. Vote was taken by acclamation and division called, which esulted in 19 in favor and 23 opposed.

The next business in order was proceeded with.

Volunteer Reports of Fire Departments were called for.

The President stated:

"The intent of this Volunteer Report, as I understand it and a it is in the proceedings, is to find the condition of each company at the present time. If during the year you have added anything to your company for the good of it, or if there has been anything detrimental report it, and it will be put in full in the proceedings and we will see whether the members of the Association and th companies are improving or going back."

VOLUNTEER REPORTS OF THE FIRE ORGANI ZATIONS.

The Secretary called the names of the different com panies and they responded as follows:

KINSTON.—"As you know, it is a new organization. It is i very good condition. It is a new company and we expect to co tinue it."

WINSTON.—Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.—"We are i very good trim. Have a charter membership of twenty, the san as at last time. No special improvements."

Fire Engine Company No. 1.—No reports, delegate out.

Fire Engine Company No. 2.—"In first class condition."

ASHEVILLE—Hose Company No. 1.—"In good condition."

WILMINGTON—Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1.—"In goo shape; about thirty members."

Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder Company.—"In good shape."

Howard Relief Engine Company.—"In good shape."

Hook and Ladder Company No .1.—No report, delegate out.

GREENSBORO—Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1.—"It is i good condition."

Eagle Hose Company No. 7.—"Has twenty-eight members, goo condition.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.—"In good shape; membe ship seventeen."

South Side Hose Company No. 4.—"In good condition; twent three members. And has a new reel room."

FAYETTEVILLE—Steam Fire Engine Company.—"Has a membership of twenty-eight. Company is divided into two hose reels.',

SALEM—Eagle Hose Company No. 2,—"All right; membership about seventeen; always ready to go any time the bell taps."

Rough and Ready Fire Company.—"In good condition; better than ever before; membership twenty-two."

DURHAM—Golden Belt Hose Company No. 1.—No report; delegate out.

SALISBURY—Fire Company No. 1.—"Have a full membership and in good condition. Have added a good deal to our hose since last meeting, about $300 or $400 worth. We are in good working condition."

WILSON—Phoenix Fire Engine Company No. 1.—"In good condition; about twenty members; in fairly good shape."

GOLDSBORO—Eclipse Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1.—No report, delegate out.

NEWBERN—Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1.—"In good shape."

ATLANTIC COMPANY—"We have a membership enrolled of thirty-six. The opening up of the water works dampened the ardor and zeal somewhat; but when the bell sounds we get there."

The next business in order was the election of officers for the next twelve months.

Nominations for President were announced in order.

Mr. Newman requested that Mr. Vogler, the Vice-President take the Chair.

Mr. McNeill, of Fayetteville, was nominated, and the Secretary was requested to cast the vote of the Association for him as President.

He was unanimously elected.

After cries of "McNeill, McNell," he said:

"I was always accused of talking too much, and as Chief Newman is anxious to rush business through to-night, I will not talk much. It is the highest honor I have ever had paid me. I couldn't make you a speech that could in any manner, shape or form express to you my appreciation of your kindness. I have endeavored to

do my duty as far as I could in the past twelve months, and I sha continue to do the same for the next twelve months. The honor i unexpected and I only the more appreciate it and thank you."

Nominations for Secretary were announced in order.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, of Greensboro, and Mr. W. S. Pfoh of Salem, were nominated. The vote was taken b companies and 36 were cast for Griffith and 10 for Pfoh

On motion, the vote for Griffith was made unanimous

The President declared Dr. Griffith duly elected Sec retary for the ensuing year.

Dr. Griffith was called for and said:

"GENTLEMEN: I assure you that I appreciate this honor be stowed upon me again. This is the sixth time you have elected m as your Secretary. Part of the time I served as Secretary an Treasurer. I certainly appreciate it. I can assure you that m whole work has been for the interest of the North Carolina Stat Firemen's Association, and I do not think that there is any firema in North Carolina in any dealing they have had with me can sa that I have acted otherwise. And I want to assure you that shall be my greatest effort to do more than I have done. I appre ciate the honor bestowed upon me."

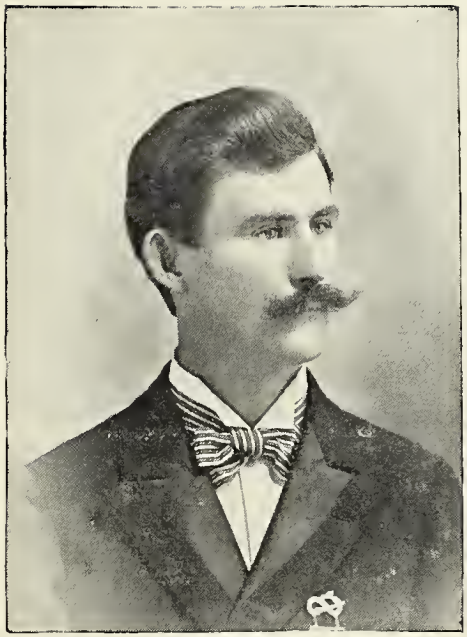
Nominations for Treasurer being declared in order Mr. Green, of Newbern was placed in nomination, an on motion of Mr. Stone his nomination was made unani mous and the Secretary instructed to cast the vote of th Association for Mr. Green.

Mr. Green was declared duly elected Treasurer for th ensuing year.

Upon call Mr. Green said:

"*Mr. President and Members of the North Carolina Firemen Association:*

I cannot find words to express the gratitude I feel at this re-elec tion. There is not a man in the sound of my voice who belong to this Association who has been so highly honored in days an years gone by as I have been by this Association, and it is wit pride, with pleasure to myself and my native town that I acce



P. H. LYBROOK,

Foreman Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Winston. Winners for 1895 of Championship Badge for best time in Horse Hook and Ladder Race.

is nomination and election. Believe me, that ever hereafter I ill always feel that deep sense of gratitude and devotion to the remen of North Carolina that I have always felt, and wherever e meeting may be held, whether on the mountain or on the sea-ore, T. A. Green will answer to the roll call."

Upon nominations for Statistician being declared in rder, Mr. Ben. T. Amerson, of Wilson, was nominated nd the Secretary instructed to cast the vote of the As-ociation for him.

Mr. Amerson was declared duly elected Statistician r the ensuing year.

Nominations for Vice-President being in order, Mr. E . Parmelee, of Wilmington, was nominated and unani-ously elected, as First Vice-President of the Associa-on for the ensuing year.

Mr. F. H. Vogler, of Salem, was nominated and unani-iously elected Second Vice-President, and so declared.

Unfinished business was declared in order.

The President said:

"I want to call attention to the portion of my report which iows that you now have your dues almost paid up to January, 896, four months ahead, and you have a deficiency of nearly $150. have recommended in my report that means be taken to increase our annual revenue or cut down your expenses."

Mr. VonGlahn said:

"Every member of this Association should recognize the fact iat fifty cents a year is a very small life insurance, and it is a very nall amount in case of sickness that you can get $2 a day for. nd if the dues were increased to seventy-five cents, do you think iat would meet the deficiency?"

The President stated that there are about 520 members nd the deficiency is about $150.

The Secretary suggested:

"I have an idea to suggest which will raise the amount we need, nd still I do not think it will jeopardize matters at all. I have

reference to the relief fund. We have over $4,000 in our treas
now that we are not reaping one iota of reward from. Why ca
not we instruct our Treasurer to loan the money out at an a
vantage and use the interest on it? I loaned out part of that fu
on my own risk, you will remember, and accumulated $80 odd.
did it on my own risk. This year we have $4,000 and I believe
can raise the money in that way."

Mr. Capps said:

"It looks to me to raise the amount without increasing the p
capita tax would be a great deal better than to do so. I can s
from some of the reports of the companies that they have not pa
up, and I do not think they could pay any more than they do.
think it would be best for the company to raise the money so
other way if possible, than that we should lose members."

Mr. Willis said:

"Wouldn't it be well to make an assessment of twenty-five ce
per capita? And let the money be loaned out for future calamitie

Mr. Capps said:

"I don't think it would be right to loan the money out and ma
the assessment too. It would look sort of bad to take two ste
I think it would be better to loan the money out to pay the defici

The President said:

"Before we discuss this question farther I would like to h
from our Treasurer, as there are conditions that bind our Tre-
urer. He has to bind himself to the State of North Carolina
the paying out of that fund according to the act of the Legislatu
The Treasurer is not bound to this Association for that mon
He is only under obligations as to the paying out of that mo
according to the act of the Legislature, I would like for
Treasurer to make his statement plainly here. What we are at
is to get the best thing to do."

Mr. Green stated:

"I gave to the State Treasurer a bond for $5,000 for this mon
and of course, if the Association instructs me to loan it out an
should take that responsibility and lose it, who is going to pay
back? My bond is responsible for it. If I bonded to the Assoc-
tion now and the Association instructed me to loan it out t

uld be all right for it belonged to them. But now if they in-
ucted me to loan out something that dId not belong to them, I
ld not to it. The law of North Carolina is one thing, and the
of the Association is another. I am afraid if we adopt this
n, unless we have some legal advice upon it, it might jeopardize
bond and place me in an awkward position. I gave a bond to
State that I would handle this fund and administer it according
law of the State. The State has made a law in regard to it and
Association has also. As long as I follow out the law of the
te it is all right. A special deposit is nothing but the note of a
poration, which is nothing more than an individual note. It
ikes me that the way the boys should look at this thing is to
k at it in its proper financial standing; to decrease the expenses
agree to pay, at least $1.00 a year. Take a company of twenty
o members who pay $11 a year. There are very few companies
North Carolina but have drawn some of this money. For
tance, we had a man in Newbern who died while we were at
nston-Saiem last year. His mother got $300 It had cost him
ividually $1.50. He had belonged to the Association three
rs, and when he died his heirs at law got $300 out of the Asso-
tion. What Association is there in North Carolina to-day that
ll pay a man in proportion to what he puts in what this Associa-
n pays ? What Association will pay a man who is sick $2.00 a
dy? Styron got all this besides the money when he was sick.
e only officers who get pay are the Secretary, Treasurer and
tistician, which is $375. You can lower their salaries or multi-
your dues by two. Either will meet the requirements of the
sociation."

Mr. Christie said:

"As an Honorary member of the Association, I would like to
one word. In the National Association the only dues of the
mbers is $5.00 per annum. There is nobody paid a salary but
Secretary, he gets $800. I know that he does not do half the
rk that your Secretary does. He has the pleasure of attending
ad voting upon the questions at the assembly. The benefits of
s Association exceed by a thousand per cent. the benefits of any
er benefit Association in the State. One dollar a year is the
apest dues that I know of in any Association of business men
the globe. It seems to me, gentlemen, that a dollar a year is

too cheap for the benefits you enjoy from this Association. In t National Convention there is no question that comes before it, ev as to the election of officers, because a committee is appointed nominate a board of officers, about which a man can get up a speak his mind. You come here and look at each other and c have your say about any question, and beside you get this bene of $2 a day and $300 for half a dollar a year. Fifty cents is t cheap."

The Secretary said:

"In answer to brother Christie I want to say there are firemen North Carolina, when you come to the increase of this thing, w cannot afford to pay. I believe if we were to increase it our me bers would drop off."

Mr. Capps said:

"I suggest the appointment of a committee to look into the m ter. It looks like we might use the State appropriation."

The President read the "Act Creating A Relief Fu for the Firemen of North Carolina."

Mr. Capps said:

"We all ought to understand that. If we give a receipt to Treasurer we would get over that. If we can loan it out we make some arrangement."

The President said:

"In connection with that, I would like to state that when I with the North Carolina Legislature, I was convinced that least we said about ourselves the better it would be for us.

Mr. Vogler said.

"Do you think you are treating your Treasurer right, for sum of $150 which he receives from the Association, to tell hi loan out that large sum and become solely responsible for it, the small sum of $150? I do not think we ought to ask it. I tainly would not give a bond for $5,000 and loan out the money

Mr. Willis said that he would not be loaning out money.

Mr. Stone said:

"Mr. Vogler seems a little out of order. We cannot make

responsible to our order. He is already responsible to the State of North Carolina. I would state that we have no control over that money whatever, except as provided by our law as made by the State of North Carolina, and just for so much as we need, under such time under provisions made by the State. Our Treasurer here can be responsible to nobody else than the State of North Carolina."

The Chair asked the Treasurer for the benefit of the Association, if he had ever turned in any of the vouchers, to which the Treasurer replied that he had, and had gotten relief to the extent of $1100.

The President then said:

"At the last Legislature I was afraid to ask so much additional legislation for this reason. I may have been unjustly influenced by the influences that surrounded me. We had three representatives who were strictly countrymen. and they were elected upon the question of the town against country. Their argument was that they didn't care anything about that, that they didn't get anything from it, and they didn't care about it. Therefore, I thought it best that we should not monkey with the thing, until the people should have a good chance to think and get over the political condition we were in last year, when the whole thing was stirred up and everybody was mad with his brother."

Mr. Willis said:

"We have no money as I understand it. What our Treasurer handles belongs to the State of North Carolina. That fund is a fund property to us to be used as firemen become disabled only. I do not believe we can take that money and handle it in any other way."

Chief Taylor said:

"The only way is either to decrease the salary or increase the per capita tax."

Mr. Stone moved that the matter be left with the Executive Committee of the Association.

The President stated that the Committee had no power over that.

The motion was amended, that the Executive Committee be given full power to act in the matter, to either increase the dues or decrease the salaries, and that the different departments be notified of what action taken as soon as possible. Carried.

The Secretary stated that the communication from the Secretary of the National Association had been left over for action from the morning session, and read the letter.

Mr. VonGlahn said that if the meeting would pay $10 of his expense he would go himself.

The President stated his intention to go.

It was moved that the President and Secretary should furnish credentials to any one of its members who saw fit to go to Augusta at his own expense, as representative of the North Carolina Association. Carried.

On motion, the Chair appointed a Committee to draft resolutions upon the death of former members of the Association, to be printed in the minutes, which was as follows:

Jas. D. McNeill, E. G. Parmelee, T. A. Green, J. D Bullock, F. H. Vogler.

On motion, the Association took recess till Wednesday night 8.30.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1894.		
Sept. 24,	To cash received of J. W. Griffith, Sec. and Treas.,	$2178.00
1895.		
Jan. 2,	To cash received of J. D. McTate, State Trea.,	1875.00
April 10,	" " " W. H. Worth, "	1875.00
		$5 928,00

1894.						
Sept. 24,	By cash p'd	B. R. Russell, Wil.,	voucher	No.	1,	92.00
Oct. 1,	" "	L. F. Styron, Newbern,	"	"	2,	300.00
" 13,	" "	J. S. Dunn, Winston,	"	"	3,	30.00
" 13,	" "	E. Holder, Winston,	"	"	4.	18.00
" 13,	" "	C. E. Moore, Greensboro,	"	"	5,	42.00
" 13,	" "	H. P. Willis, Newbern,	"	"	6,	10.00
" 13,	" "	J.D. McNeil, Fayetteville,	"	"	7,	14.00
" 13,	" "	Dillard & King, Att'ys,	"	"	8,	10.00
" 13,	" "	D. H. Jones, Fayetteville,	"	"	9,	18.00
" 18,	" "	C. H. Swink, Salisbury,	"	"	10,	6.00
Nov. 3,	" "	S. J. Davis, Wilmington,	"	"	11,	10.00
Dec. 3,	" "	Chas. Lewis, Greensboro,	"	"	12,	37.50
Dec. 3,	" "	C. M. Jetton, Charlotte,	"	"	14,	60.00
1895.						
Jan. 31,	" "	G. C. Jones, Newbern,	"	"	15,	16,00
Mar. 2,	" "	G. J. McMillon, Wil.,	"	"	13,	22.00
" 18,	" "	Chas. Lewis, Greensboro,	"	"	17,	37.50
" 18,	" "	R. B. Russell, Wilming'n,	"	"	16,	8.00
May 24,	" "	J. D. McNeil, Fayettev'lle,	"	"	18,	28,00
May 24,	" "	John Roddick,	"	"	19,	10.00
" 24,	" "	Jas, Williams, Wilming'n,	"	"	20,	22.00
June 20,	" "	Chas. Lewis, Greensboro,	"	"	21,	37.50
" 20,	" "	H. L. Peterson, Wilm'n,	"	"	22,	10.00
July 6,	" "	J. W. Bloom,	"	"	23,	62,00
" 6,	" "	J. D. Buckheimer,	"	"	24,	36.00
" 10,	" "	Chas Lewis, Greensboro,	"	"	25,	50.00
" 15,	" "	W. F. Keith, Winston,	"	"	26,	80,00
" 20,	" "	W. P. Platt, Wilmington,	"	"	27,	14.00
Aug. 5,	" "	F. Keith, Greensboro,	"	"	28,	14.00
" 5,	" "	W. B. Johnson, Fay'ville,	"	"	29,	6.00
						110.50
Aug. 5,	To Balance on hand,					4.827.60
						$5,928.00

Respectfully submitted,
Newbern, N. C., Aug. 5th, 1896.

T. A. GREEN,
Treasurer.

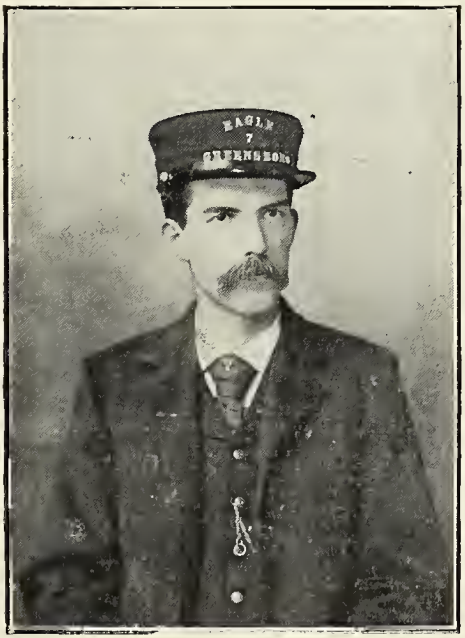
REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1ST, 1895.

President and Members of the North Carolina Firemen's Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me to offer my report for the year ending April 1st, 1895. First I find in our State about one hundred towns and cities with population ranging from five hundred to twenty thousand, about fifty of which have organized fire departments and about sixty-five fire companies, sixteen with water works, eight with electric fire alarm system; and one thousand white firemen belonging to organized departments and four hundred and fifty colored firemen. This, together with the reports from different fire departments and towns, will show about the condition of the State as to fire protection.

CITIES HAVING WATER WORKS.

	—Pressure—	
	Fire.	*Domestic*
Asheville, G. and D.	150 lbs,	75 lbs
Winston, G.	70	35
Greensboro, G. and D.	70	40
Tarboro, G. and D.	70	40
Goldsboro, G. and D.	50	40
Fayetteville, G. and D	90	00
Newbern, G. and D.	70	40
Wilmington, G. and D.	100	40
Salisbury, D.	65	40
Salem, G.	70	40
Concord, G and D.	100	25
Raleigh, G. and D.	100	50
Charlotte, G. and D.	100	50
Henderson, G.	70	
Durham, D.	60	
Wilson, G. and D.	150	50



H. J. ELAM,

President Eagle Hose Company, No. 7, Greensboro.

CITIES HAVING ELECTRIC FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS.

Cities.	*What Kind.*
Charlotte	Richmond.
Asheville	Gamewell.
Wilmington	Gamewell.
Durham	Gamewell.
Raleigh	Gamewell.
Winston	Gamewell.
Newberne	Gamewell.
Salem	Gamewell.

CITIES HAVING FIRE COMPANIES.

	No. of Cos.	*No. of Men White.*	*No. of Men Colored.*
Wilson	2	24	18
Scotland Neck	1		20
Statesville	2	25	30
Goldsboro	3	48	
Asheville	4	46	
Wilmington	6	140	65
Concord	2	21	27
Durham	3	38	20
Fayetteville	3	34	
Kinston	1	75	
Raleigh	4		
Enfield	1	35	
Warrenton	1		31
Winston	4	52	15
La Grange	1	20	
Tarboro	2	40	38
Elizabeth City	1	30	
Newbern	5	85	55
Greensboro	5	77	23
Salisbury	5	39	12
Charlotte	3	47	60
Total	59	876	435

TOWNS HAVING NO FIRE PROTECTION.

Albemarle,	Asheboro,	Bakersville,
Burlington,	Chapel Hill,	Clinton,
Culler P. O.,	Dallas,	Edenton,
Elkin,	Enfield,	Elm City,
Franklinton,	Gastonia,	Graham,
Greenville,	Hendersonville,	Hertford,
Hickory,	High Point,	Hot Springs,
Kernersville,	Jonesboro,	Leaksville,
Laurinburg,	Lexington,	Lenoir,
Lincolnton,	Louisburg,	Littleton,
Madison,	Marion,	Maxton,
Milton,	Moorsville,	Mt. Olive,
Morganton,	Morehead City,	Mount Airy,
Nashville,	Murphy,	Murfreesboro
Norwood,	Pittsboro,	Plymouth,
Randleman,	Red Springs,	Red Springs,
Rockingham,	Rocky Mount,	Lumberton,
Shelby,	Bryson City,	Selma,
Smithfield,	Southport,	Taylorsville,
Thomasville,	Wadesboro,	Wake Forest,
Weldon,	Wentworth,	Whitakers,
Williamston,	Windsor.	

ASHEVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Chief—J. P. Sawyer.

Four Companies (Volunteer).

Rescue Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Two Horse Truck, 14 m (white) organized 1882, M. H. Kelley, Foreman; H. R. Smith, Secretary.

Hose Co. No. 1, 1 and 2 Horse Reel and 2 hand Reels, 20 m (white); organized, 1884; H. C. Fagg, Foreman; L. W. Jeannet, Secretary.

Hose Co. No. 2, 1 Hand Reel, 6 men, (white); organized 1890 J. H. Woody, Foreman,

Hose Co. No. 3, 1 Hand Reel, 6 men (white); organized 1890; J. R. .ird, Foreman.

Annexes of No. 1.

). Hand Hose Reels	4
' Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	2
' Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
' feet Rubber Hose	3500
' feet Cotton Hose	850
' feet Leather Hose	
Total	4,350

Amount of insurance on property destroyed	$16,012
Amount of loss over and above the insurance	$9,155

Value of real estate used for fire purposes,	$15,000
Value of all other property, apparatus	5,300
Total	$ 20,300

Apparatus not in use—one reel used by Sanitary Department.

Water works, stand pipe, gravity; owned by city.

Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 150; domestic, 75.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm,

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894 to April 1st, 1895, 25.

WINSTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, John W. Hanes.

Four Companies, Volunteer and Paid.

Steamer No. 1, La France Engine, 18 men (white); organized 79; A. J. Gale, Foreman; ——, Secretary.

Steamer, No. 2, La France Engine, 18 men (white); organized 72; H. S. Riggins, Foreman; ——, Secretary.

Hook and Ladder No. 1, Hayes Truck, 16 men (white); organized 92; P. N Lybrook, Foreman; ——, Secretary.

Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, Hand Truck, 15 men (Colored); ganized 1892; Thomas Hairston, Foreman, Sam Hargrove, Sectary.

No. of Hand Hose Reels.....
" Hand Carriages.....
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts.....
" Horse Hose Wagons.....
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks.....
" Hand Hood and Ladder Trucks.....

" feet Rubber Hose..... 18(
" feet Cotton Hose..... 4(
" feet Leather.....

Total..... 2.2(

Value of real estate used for fire purposes .....$25,0(
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.....$

Total.....$ 25.0(

Apparatus not in use—None.
Water works, gravity; City,
Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 75; domestic, 30.
Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm.
Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895,

GREENSBORO DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. J. Stone; Assistant, A. G. Alexander.

Five Companies (Volunteer).

Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, La France Engine, men (white),; organized 1847; John Lewis, Foreman; A. G. Al ander, Secretary.

South Side Hose Co. No. 4, Hand Reel, 10 men, (white), orga ized 1892; J. H. Phipps, Foreman; T. A. Glascock, Secretary.

Eagle Hose Co. No. 7, Hand Reel, 25 men, (white); organizl 1891; H. J. Elam, President; F. N. Taylor, Captain; E. L. Clarl, Secretary.

Greensboro Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Hand Truck, 18 m, (white); organized 1890; R. B. Beall, Foreman; C. G. Burton, S- tary.

Excelsior Co. No. 2, Hand Reel, 23 men (Colored); organized 1890; John Patterson, Foreman; J. W. Jones, Secretary.

Apparatus not in use, one double tank Chemical Engine, one Hand Reel, one Hand Engine.

No. of Hand Hose Reels	4
" Carriage	1
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	
", Horse Hose Wagons	1
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" feet Rubber Hose	650
" feet Cotton Hose	3,300
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	3,050
Value of real estate used for fire purposes	5,000
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c	20,000
Total	$25,000

Water Works, one cistern, Holly and stand pipe, owned by private company.

Number pounds pressure required for fire service, 70; domestic, 40.

Number of alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 6.

ELIZABETH CITY DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Fred Zeigler; Assistant, Allen Kramer.

One Company (Volunteer).

Albemarle Fire Co., Silsby Engine, 30 men (white); organized 1859, C. E. Kramer, Foreman; John Zeigler, Secretary.

No. of Hand Hose Reels	2
" Hand Carriages	
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	1
" Horse Hose Wagons	
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	
" feet Rubber Hose	1200
" feet Cotton Hose	
Total	1200

Value of real estate used for fire purposes $3,00

Total $3,00

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, two cisterns.

No Electric Fire Alarm System.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1894—No Record.

TARBORO DEPARTMENT.

Chief, C. B. Mehegan; Assistant, Henry Morris.

Two Companies (Volunteer).

Tarboro Hook and Ladder Co., Hose Reels, 40 men (white) organized 1873; C. G. Bradley, Foremen; W. O. Howard, Sec'y.

Nash Hose Reel Co., 38 men (Colored); organized 1878; J. H Dancy, Foreman; Jno. W. Lloyd, Secretary.

No. Hand Hose Reels.....

" Hand Carriags .....

" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts .....

" Horse Hose Wagons,.....

" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks.....

" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks.....

" feet Rubber Hose 60

" feet Cotton Hose..... 25

" feet Leather Hose.....

Total..... 85

Value of real estate used for fire purposes $10,00

Value of all other property, apparatus, &c..... 2,00

Total $12,00

Amount of insurance on property destroyed..... $3,85

Amount of loss..... $ 16

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, both direct and gravity pressure; ov ned by city.

Number pounds pressure for fire service, 75; domestic, 40.

No Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 7

GOLDSBORO DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. W. Lamb; Assistant, Leopold Cohen.

Four Companies (Volunteer).

Goldsboro Fire Co. No. 1, Hose Wagon, 15 men (white); organized 1882, W. P. Grainger, Foreman; T. H. Bain, Secretary.

Eclipse Steam Fire Engine Co., Hose wagon and Engine, 18 men (white); organized 1886; F. W. Hilker, Foreman; R. D. Holt, Sec.

Electric Reel Co., Hand Reel, 15 men (white); organized 1893; W. D. Creech, Foreman.

No. Hand Hose Reels	2
" Hand Carriages	
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	1
" Horse Hose Wagons	2
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	
" feet Rubber Hose	300
" feet Cotton Hose	1800
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	2100

Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$6,000
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.	$10,000
Total	$16,000
Amount of insurance on property destroyed	$62,000
Amount of loss	$4,700

Apparatus not in use—1 Double Tank Chemical Engine, 2 hose Reels (Reserve) Steamer not used at fires.

Water works, direct and gravity pressure; owned by private company.

Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 50; domestic, 40.

No Electric Alarm.

Number of fire alarms froms from March 1st, 1894. to April 1st, 1895, 30.

FAYETTEVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Jas. D. McNeil; Assistant, John Roddick.

Three Companies (Paid and Volunteer).

Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Silsby Engine, 10 men (white) organized 1885; Jas. D. McNeil, Foreman; W. M. McKethan Secretary.

Hose Co. No. 1, Hose Reel, 12 men (white); organized 1894; Joh Roddick, Foreman.

Hose Co. No. 2, Hose Reel, 12 men (white); organized 1894; Ca Ledbetter, Foreman.

No. Hand Hose Reels	
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	
" Horse Hose Wagons	
" feet Rubber Hose	
" Cotton Hose	150
" Leather Hose	
Total	150
Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$250
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.	$6,00
Total	$8,50

Apparatus not in use—1 Hand Engine and 1 Bucket Truck.

Water words, Stand pipe, 209 feet gravity pressue; direct; owne by private company.

Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 90; domestic, 90.

No Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 189 twenty-eight.

NEWBERN DEPARTMENT.

Chief, L. J. Taylor; Assistant G. J. McSorely.

Two Companies (Volunteer).

Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Engine, horse and han Reels, 36 men (white); organized 1845; W. D. Barrington, Fore man, G. D. Roberts, Secretary.

Newbern Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Engine, horse an

and reels, 34 men (white); organized 1865; F. B. Lane, Foreman; V. P. Rue, Secretary.

4th Ward Hose Reel Co., Hand Reel, 27 men (Colored); organized 1894; Alonza Williams, Foreman; Chas. Phisic, Secretary,

5th Ward Hose Reel Co., Hand Reel, 15 men (white); organized 894; C. J. McCarthy, Foreman; P. Hassell, Secretary.

Rough and Ready Hook and Ladder Co., 28 men (Colored) organized 1874; Sam Taylor, Foreman; Chas. Kinsey, Secretary.

o. Hand Hose Reels	4
" Hand Carriages	2
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	2
" feet Rubber Hose	
" feet Cotton Hose	3100
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	3100
Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$5,000
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.	$10,000
Total	$15,000

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, gravity and direct; owned by private company.

Number pounds pressure for fire service, 70; domestic, 50.

Gamewell Elecric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 36.

WILMINGTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Martin Newman; Assistant, Chas. Snibbene.

Six companies (Volunteer).

Wilmington Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Silsby Steamer, 40 men (white); organized 1864; W. C. VonGlahn, Foreman; W. C. aft, Secretary.

Howard Relief Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Button Steamer, 30 men hite); organized 1855; Jno. H. Fuchs, Foreman; J. G. L. Greschen. cretary.

Cape Fear Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 3, Silsby Steamer, 35 men

(Colored) organized ——; V. Howe, Foreman; Robt Simmon Secretary.

Wilmington Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Rumsey Truck, 4 men (white); organized 1847; Robt. Northrop, Foreman; —— , Sec'

5th Ward Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Rumsey Truck, 30 me (white); 1875; T. J. Gore, Foreman; ——, Secretary.

Phoenix Reel Co., Horse Reel, 30 men (Colored); organized 188 Ed. Brown, Foreman; Geo. Raiford, Secretary.

No. Hand Hose Reels	
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	
" feet Rubber Hose	35
" feet Cotton Hose	
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	35

Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$15,0
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.	$25,0
Total	$40,0

Apparatus not in use—One Aeriel Truck.

Water works, direct and gravity pressure; owned by priva company.

Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 100; Domestic 40.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 189 one hundred and eight.

WILSON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, W. P. Wootten; Assistant, A. P. Branch

Two Companies (Volunteer).

Phoenix Fire Engine Co., Steamer and Reels, 23 men (white organized 1888; B. T. Amerson, Foreman; J. B. Deans, Secretar

Red Hats, Reel, — men (Colored); organized 1894; E. Poc Foreman; Thos. Day, Secretary.

No. Hand Hose Reels	3
" Hand Carriages	
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" feet Rubber Hose	
" feet Cotton Hose	1500
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	1500

Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$2,500
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.	$4,000
Total	$6,500

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, direct and gravity; owned by the town.

Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 50 to 150.

No Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 2.

SALISBURY DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Geo. G. Seyfert; Assistant, Fillmore Rendall.

Five Companies (Volunteer and Paid).

Pioneer Co., and Hand Hose Reel, 8 men (white); organized ——; ohn Morgan, Foreman; Charles Swink, Secretary.

Independent Co., Hand Hose Reel, 8 men (white); organized 892; Hought Meroney, Foreman; ——, Secretary,

Junior Co., Hand Hose Reel, 15 men (white); organized ——; Ernest West, Foreman; ——, Secretary.

Athletic Co., 12 men (Colored; organized ——; W. Johnson, Foreman; ——, Secretary.

Hook and Ladder Co., Two Horse Truck, 8 men (white); organized ——; John Clover, Foreman; ——, Secretary.

No. Hand Hose Reels	4
" Hand Carriages	
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" feet Rubber Hose	300
" Cotton Hose	1600
" Leather Hose	
Total	1900

Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$1,00
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c	$2,15
Total	$3,15
Amount of insurance on property destroyed	$8,20
Amount of loss over and above the insurance,	

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, direct pressure; owned by private company.

Number of pounds pressure for fire service, 100; domestic, 43.

Bell Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 189 thirteen.

CONCORD DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Jno. F. Fink; Assistant, J. L. Boger.

Two Companies (Volunteer.)

Hose and Reel Co., Hand Reel, 21 men (white); organized 188 J. V. Stiller, Foreman; Y. C. Caldwell, Secretary.

Hook and Ladder Co., Hook and Ladder Truck, 27 men (Co ored); organized 1886; L. Stockton, Foreman; H. Montgomer Secretary.

No. Hand Hose Reels	
" Hand Carriages	
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	
" feet Rubber Hose	5
" feet Cotton Hose	10
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	1,5
Value of real estate for fire purposes	$2,0
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.	$1,1
Total	$3,1

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, direct and gravity pressure; owned by private ompany.

Number pounds of pressure for fire service, 100; domestic, 25.

No Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 2.

BEAUFORT DEPARTMENT.

Chief, ——; Assistant ——,

One Company.

Co., No. 1, — men (white). organized 1895; ——, Foreman; ——, ecretary.

o. Hand Hose Reels	1
" Hand Carriages	
" feet Rubber Hose	
" feet Cotton Hose	650
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	650

Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$150
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c	$1,500
Total	$ 1650

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, direct and gravity, owned by City.

Number pounds of pressure for fire service, —; domestic, —.

Have no Electric Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 1.

STATESVILLE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, J. M. Lampert; Assistant, ——.

Two Companies.

Statesville Fire Co. No. 1. Steam Engine, 25 men (white); organed ——; Z. D. Cochron, Foreman; E. B. Webster, Secretary.

Defiance Fire Co., Hand Engine, Hook and Ladders, 41 me
(Colored); organized 1894; John Nurpey, Foreman; ——, Secretar
No. Hand Hose Reels.....
" Hand Carriags.....
" Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks.....
" feet Rubber Hose.....
" feet Cotton Hose..... 20
" feet Leather Hose.....

Total..... 2,0

Value of real estate used for fire purposes..... $2,5
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.....

Total..... $ 2,5

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, seven cisterns; owned by city.

Number pounds of pressure for fire service, —; domestic, —.

No Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895,

RALEIGH DEPARTMENT.

Chief, L. A. Mahler; Assistant, W. Woollcott.

Four Companies (Volunteer and Paid).

Rescue Co. No. 1, Horse Hose Wagon, — (white); organized, -
R. E. Lumsden, Foreman, W. A. Faucett, Secretary.

Victor Co. No. 2, 2 Horse Hose Reel, — (Colored); organized, -
T. B. Burgess, Foreman; W. H. Palmer, Secretary.

Capital No. 3, 2 Horse Hose Wagon, — (white), organized —; W
Woollcott, Foreman; F Woollcott, Secretary.

Hook and Ladder No. 4, 2 Horse Trucks, — (white); organiz
—; W. W. Parrish, Foreman; J. T. Correll, Secretary.

No. of Hand Hose Reels.....
" Hand Carriages.....
" 2 Horse Hose Carriages and Carts.....
" 2 Horse Hose Wagons.....
" 2 Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks.....
" feet Rubber Hose.....

No. feet Cotton Hose	4,000
" feet Leather	
Total	4,000

Value of real estate used for fire purposes ..... $——
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c. ..... $

Total ..... $——
Amount of insurance on property partly destroyed $9,500
Amount of loss ..... $ 1,975

Apparatus not in use—One second class Gould Steamer, 1, 2-80 allon Chemical.

Water works, direct and towers; owned by private Company.

Number pounds of pressure for fire service, 50 to 70; domestic, 50 to 70.

Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to Aprll 1st, 1895, 29.

CHARLOTTE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, W. E. Culpepper; Assistant, ——.

Three Companies (Volunteer and Paid).

Charlotte No. 1, Steamer, 17 men (white); organized 1866; Paid.

Neptune Hand Engine, 60 men (Colored); Volunteer.

Dreadnot Hand Engine, 30 men (Colored), Volunteer.

No. of Hand Hose Reels	2
" Carriage	
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	2
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
" feet Rubber Hose	
" feet Cotton Hose	2,500
" feet Leather Hose	
Total	2,500

Value of real estate used for fire purposes 15,0
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c..... 4,0

Total $19,0

Apparatus not in use—None.
Water works, stand pipe; owned by private company.
Number pounds of pressure for fire service, 80; domestic, 40.
Richmond Fire Alarm System.
Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 4

DURHAM DEPARTMENT.

Chief, W. C. Bradshaw; Assistant, H. E. Heart.
Three Companies (Volunteer and Paid).
Golden Belt H. Co., No. 1, Reel 20 men (white); organized -
——, Foreman; ——, Secretary.
Independent H. Co., No. 2, 2 Horse Hose Wagon, 18 men (white
W. H. Williard, Foreman, V. T. Lamb, Secretary.
Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co., 20 men (Colored); C. H. Wh
aker, Foreman, A. J. Blalock, Secretary.

No. Hand Hose Reels.....
" Horse Hose Carriages and Carts.....
" Horse Hook and Ladder Trucks..... .....
" feet Rubber Hose.....
" feet Cotton Hose. 30
" feet Leather Hose .....

Total 3,0

Value of real estate used for fire purposes,..... $9,0
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c..... 6,0

Total..... $ 15,0

Amount of insurance on property destroyed. ..... $ 3,9
Amount of loss over and above the insurance.....

Apparatus not in use—None.
Water works, direct and gravity; owned by private company.

Number of pounds of pressure for fire service, 60; domestic, —.
Gamewell Electric Fire Alarm.
Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 3.

ENFIELD DEPARTMENT.

Chief, T. Meyers; Assistant, John Benton.
Enfield Fire Co., No. 1, Hand Engine, 33 men (white); organized 185; T. Meyers, Foreman; Sam'l Peirson, Secretary.

o. Hand Hose Reels	1
' Hand Carriages	
' feet Rubber Hose	300
' feet Cotton Hose	
' feet Leather Hose	
Total	300

Value of real estate used for fire purposes ..... ———
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c. ..... ———

Apparatus not in use—None.
Water works, direct and gravity pressure, owned by the town.
Number pounds of pressure for fire service, —; domestic, —.
No Electric Fire Alarm.
Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 5.

KINSTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, B. W. Canady; Assistant, Geo. B. Webb.
Kinston Fire Co., Silsby Steamer, 75 men (white); organized —; W. Canady, Foreman; Jno. L. Hartsfield, Secretary.

o. of Hand Hose Reels	
Hand Carriages	2
Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	1
Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	
feet Rubber Hose	
feet Cotton Hose	2,000
Total	2,000

Value of real estate used for fire purposes..... $1,
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c..... $4,

Total..... $ 5,

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, river and wells; owned by ———.

Number pounds of pressure for fire service, —; domestic, —.

No Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 18
none.

LA GRANGE DEPARTMENT.

Chief, ——; Assistant, ——.

Relief Fire Co. No. 1, Hand Pump, 20 men (white); organi
1893; C. P. Bunn, Foreman; Hudges, Secretary.

No. Hand Hose Reels.....

" Hand Carriages.....

" feet Rubber Hose.....

" feet Cotton Hose.....

Total.....

Value of real estate used for fire purposes.....

Value of all other property, apparatus, &c.....

Total.....

Apparatus not in use—None.

Water works, five cisterns; owned by city.

Number pounds of pressure for fire service, —; domestic, —

No Electric Fire Alarm.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 189

WARRENTON DEPARTMENT.

Chief, ——; Assistant, ——.

One Company.

Plummer Hook and Ladder Co., Hand Pump and Hose Tr
31 men (colored); organized 1868; John S. Plummer, Foremn
——, Secretary.

). Hand Hose Reels	1
' Horse Hose Carriages and Carts	
' Hand Carriages	1
' Horse Hose Wagons	
' Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
' feet Rubber Hose	500
' Cotton Hose	
' Leather Hose	
Total	500

Value of real estate used for fire purposes	$ 500
Value of all other property, apparatus, &c	$1200
Total	$1,700
Amount of insurance on property destroyed	$300
Amount of loss	——

Apparatus not in use—None,

Water works, one cistern; owned by the City.

Number pounds of pressure for fire service, —; domestic, —.

No Fire Alarm system.

Number of fire alarms from March 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895, 8.

SCOTLAND NECK DEPARTMENT.

Chief, Walter Crowell; Assistant, ——.

One Company.

Scotland Neck Fire Co., Hook and Ladder Truck, with Buckets ad Ladders, 30 men (Colored); organized 1891; Walter Crowell,)reman; ——, Secretary.

). Hand Hose Reels	
' Hand Carriages	
' Horse Hose Wagons	
' Horse Hook and Ladder Trueks	
' Hand Hook and Ladder Trucks	1
' feet Rubber Hose	
' feet Cotton Hose	
' feet Leather Hose	
Value of real estate used for fire purposes	

QUICK STEAMING AND DISTACE CONTESTS.

ENTRIES.

Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1. Wilmington.
Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Co., Wilmington.
Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Greensboro.
Eclipse Steam Fire Engine Co., Goldsboro.
Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Winston.

Judges.—L. J. Taylor, Jas. D. McNeil, Leopold Cohen, Ben. T Amerson, Frank Hege.

Timers —Harlan P. Christie, J. A. Lambert, W. D. Barrington

Time—Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Greensboro 3 min. 47 sec

" Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Wilmington, 4 min. 9 1- seconds.

To Dr. Griffith, Secretary,

DEAR SIR:—We the Judges selected for the *Quick Steamin Contest* decide that the Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Greensbor having made quickest steam (3 min. 45 sec.) are entitled to fir prize offered in said contest, and Steam Fire Engine Co., No. Wilmington (4 min. 9 1-5 sec.) second prize.

L. J. TAYLOR,
BEN. T. AMERSON,
JAS. D. MCNEIL,
FRANK HEGE,
LEOPOLD COHEN,
Judges.

DISTANCE CONTEST.

ENTRIES.

Eclipse Steam Fire Engine Company, Goldsboro.
Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company, Wilmington.
Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Wilmington.

Judges—L. J. Taylor, Ben. T. Amerson, Jas. D. McNeill, Fra Hege, Leopold Cohen.

Timers.—Harlan P. Christie, J. A. Lambert, W. D. Barrington.

Distances—Eclipse Steam Fire Engine Co., Goldsboro, 196 fe 4½ inches.

Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Co., Wilmington, 204 feet,
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Wilmington, 228 feet, 7 inches.

Chief Taylor entered a protest against Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company being allowed the distance made on the grounds that her steam guage showed more than 100 lbs steam while she was in the contest. After careful investigation the following is the Judges decision:

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

DEAR SIR:—The decision of the Judges in the distance contest, is that the Howard Relief be allowed the Record she made for distance, and that the Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Wilmington is entitled to first prize in said contest.

L. J. TAYLOR,
BEN. T. AMERSON,
JAS. D. MCNEILL,
FRANK HEGE,
LEOPOLD, COHEN,
Judges.

During the time the Wilmington Steam Fire Engine was at work a heavy gale of wind and rain came up which having to throw against the wind kept her from making the record expected of her.

NOTE.—It was very commendable in the Newbern companies not to enter either of their engines in these two contests. It is an acknowledged fact that Newbern has the quickest steaming fire engine in the world.

SECRETARY.

AFTERNOON.

Promptly at the appointed hour the different teams were on hand ready for the

HAND REEL CONTEST.

ENTRIES

Eagle Hose Company No. 7, Greensboro.
South Side Hose Company No. 4, Greensboro.
Chicora Hose Company, Fayetteville.
Atlantic Hose Company, Newbern.

Judges.—Harland P. Christie, F. H. Vogler, Ben. T. Amerson W. C. VonGlahn.

Starter.—J. W. Griffith

Timers.—P. H. Lybrook, M. H. Sutton.

Time—Eagle Hose Company No. 7, 34½ seconds.
" South Side Hose Company No. 4, 31¾ seconds.
" Atlantic Hose Company, 34¼ seconds.
" Chicora Hose Company, 35¼ seconds.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

The decision of the Judges selected for the "Hand Reel Con test", is that the South Side Hose Company No. 4, of Greensborc are entitled to first prize in said contest, and the Atlantic Hos Company, of Newbern, second prize.

Respectfully,

H. P. CHRISTIE,
F. H. VOGLER,
BEN. T. AMERSON,
W. C. VON GLAHN,
Judges.

The crowds that attended all these exercises was im mense and very hard to manage, frequently the team having to wait till the track could be cleared by the police The rain in the forenoon made the track rather heavy an it is believed hindered all from making their accustome records.

EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President a 8:30 P. M.

Under the head of unfinished business was the adoptio of resolutions of the handsome entertainment of th members.

The chair called attention to the exhibits of the American all Nozzle Co. and expressed his appreciation of the same.

The Secretary stated that an exhibit had arrived from dell & Co., of Greensboro.

The Secretary called attention to the arrival of the hief and First Assistant Engineer from Elizabeth City.

He requested the foremen of the teams entering the ce on Thursday to meet at his room and select Judges, arters and Time-keepers for the races. And called attntion that Chas. Snibbens, the Assistant Chief of ilmington was present.

The Finance Committee had not been able to meet id were requested to meet immediately and prepare eir report for that meeting.

Mr. Ketchum said:

"In the contest to-morrow the Greensboro Hook and Ladder mpany can ride and the Wilmington cannot. They would have chance in winning, and can it not be arranged for the men of r Company to stand at the place. The custom I suppose is for e companies to ride upon the truck."

The President stated:

'That is optional. The custom heretofore has been (and I uld like to have it corrected if I am mistaken) as I understand e rules and as they have been practiced heretofore at our previous nventions, the hook and ladder men started with their truck, me on board some on foot."

The Secretary stated that Messrs. Dunn and Bell were esent and he referred the matter to them.

Mr. Stone said:

'The rule heretofore has been that all the men had to start with e truck, and they were allowed one man for every seventy-five unds, and not to exceed sixteen men. Every one of the men are titled to help drag the truck with the exception of the laddermen d the foreman. They can if they like, but it isn't compulsory."

The President read the rule governing the Hook a Ladder Races.

Mr. Ketchum said:

"It limits the number of men and the inference is that t should start with the truck, unless specified otherwise. Tha the natural inference."

The President said:

"That inference would be natural, sir, that they start with truck, either by riding or by hand upon the truck."

Upon request Mr. Dunn said:

"You are right to start with the truck with one foot on the tru You are required to be with the truck every man and have one on the truck."

The President said:

"That is my idea. You can convey your men from the star the point of the raising of the ladder any way you please."

Mr. Willis suggested the precedent would establish construction of the law.

Mr. Lambert offered to give a silver trumpet to winner in the Thursday race, as a supplement to prize already given.

The Chair stated that unless the Convention authori otherwise, or changes the Rule, that he would insist u the Rule, stating that the Rule was that the hook a ladder men should start with the truck from the start point, it being optional with the captain of the tc whether they run or ride.

The Chair stated the winner in the Horse Hook a Ladder Truck Race on Thursday would receive a sil trumpet, in addition to any other prize, on behalf of Ball Nozzle Company.

Mr. Ketchum said:

"It would be satisfactory if the weather was not so warm, we have half a dozen men who cannot do it on that account.

s there can be some other rule we cannot enter. Every one
not run three hundred yards in weather like this."

The Chair said he would like to have the question set-
d according to the wish of the Convention.

Mr. Ketchum said:

"If we had a chance to ride on our truck we would give no word
objection, but we have no pieces to stand on. We would have
get way up on top, and a man can't get down very quickly."

Mr. Lambert added a supplement of $10 in gold in
dition to the trumpet to the winner in the Horse Hook
d Ladder Race.

Moved that the Association accept the same with
anks. Carried.

As to the Race, the Chair rules that it should continue
be run as heretofore, if there was no objection.

Mr. Lambert offered a $5 gold piece as a supplement,
the winner in the Grab Race for the following day.

The Chair accepted and thanked Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Stone said:

"I have been requested by Mr. Bell, Foreman of the Greensboro
ok and Ladder Company, if it is permissable under the rules for
and hook and ladder company to enter its truck as a horse truck
o, to be run with horse in the horse contest, and with hand in
hand contest,"

The President read the rule governing that race, and
cided that it was permissable, provided the weight
s all right.

Mr. Lambert said:

"This is the last and only prize I shall offer. The most popular
ef in the State of North Carolina shall receive a ball nozzle
m me. That is my compliments to the North Carolina State
emen's Association."

Mr. Willis said:

"I think, sir, that I can voice the sentiment of this Convention

of Firemen in North Carolina, when I place in nomination as th most popular Chief, the President of this Association. He is worth of the prize Mr. Lambert offered. And I move that we take rising vote upon that question." Carried.

It was unanimously decided that Mr. McNeill was th most popular Chief in North Carolina.

The President said:

"As I told you last night, we have a lot of business on hand ar not much time for foolishness. I thank you for your honor and addition to my thanks to the Convention, allow me to thank M Lambert again for his kindness and liberality. I shall endeavor use the ball nozzle in fire service in the department of Fayettevil and I hope that it will result that I shall be able to recommend so that he shall be able to make many sales."

Mr. Ketchum said:

"Under the circumstances we cannot enter the race to.morro We cannot place our men under present conditions in the race. It just settles the matter. The whole business of them would f dead when they get to the end of the 300 yards. They would n be able to get a ladder up. We want to enter the contest, but c not."

The President said:

"The Chair can see no way to overcome that, except by agre ment of the foremen of the different companies. The only w would be to suspend the Rules, which would be in order a proper."

Mr. Lambert said:

"Under the order of unfinished business let me move tha thank this North Carolina Firemen's Convention for the benef that I have received with you, and I wish that it can be so fixed t I will be with you next year. Please enter that on the minut, that I will be with you next year."

The selection of place for next meeting was announc in order.

Salisbury and Fayetteville were placed in nominatio

ut Fayetteville was withdrawn, and Salisbury was elected as the place of meeting in 1896.

Mr. Ketchum thought that the companies in the contest to-morrow might arrange so that his company could enter the contest, and enquired if a motion to suspend the Rules would be in order, and if the Rules could be suspended.

The President replied that he had ruled that if the companies contesting on Thursday could perfect any means by which they could run, that Chair would suspend the Rules.

The Finance Committee made its report through its Chairman, Mr. Barrington, which on motion was received and ordered to be filed as follows:

"Your Finance Committee wish to report that we have examined the Treasurer's report, and find everything to correspond, we have also examined the Secretary's books and find that the Association owe him $5.95, and he the Association $7 64, leaving a balance of $1.69 due the Association. Signed

W. D. Barrignton,
F. H. Vogler,
M. V. B. Capps.

Mr. Stone said:

"There are members who wish to offer resolutions of thanks. But I, as one of the visitors, wish to offer in the name of our department in Greensboro our hearty thanks to Newbern for the many courtesies she has shown us while we have been in the City, and we assure them that they have been fully appreciated by the Greensboro delegates. I think I voice the sentiment of the entire Association, and I hope that some more suitable resolutions will be offered and ordered printed in the Minutes."

The President said:

"The Chair would like to second the motion of Chief Stone, of Greensboro; he thinks that the hearty thanks of this Association should be offered to the people of Newbern. It has been unquestionably one of the nicest times we have ever had. Our cup has

been full. Some of the boys look like it has run over. I would like to second the motion that a Committee be appointed to get together and the proper words to express the sure enough appreciation we feel towards them for the good time we have been having and will have hereafter."

A rising vote was taken on the motion and it was carried unanimously.

On motion the Convention was adjourned to meet in Salisbury, 1896.

THIRD DAY.

It was a warm sultry morning, the air seemed to penetrate the skin like needles and the thermometer registered high, but with all this, the members of the different teams who were to take part in the contests of the day were on the move early making ready for the fray. Promptly at the time appointed the different teams were on the ground, and it seemed the whole population had turned out to witness the races. The ropes kept back a surging mass from one end of the course to the other.

The first called was the

GRAB RACE.

ENTRIES.

Eagle Hose Company, No. 7, Greensboro.
South Side Hose Company, No. 4, Greensboro.
Atlantic Hose Company, Newbern.
Chicora Hose Company, Fayetteville.

Judges.—H. P. Christie, F. H. Vogler, Ben. T. Amerson, W. C. VonGlahn.

Starter.—J W. Griffith.

Timers.—W. D. Barrington, Morris Sultan.

Time—Chicora, 27 4-5 seconds.

" Atlantic, 27½ seconds.

" Eagles No. 7, no time—nozzle blew off.

" South Sides, 25 1-5 seconds.

A protest was entered by the Atlantic Hose Company against South Side Hose Company No. 4, as follows:

The Atlantic Hose Reel Company protest against the South Side Hose Company in the Grab Race, in that they were assisted in the race by one of the Eagle Hose Company of Greensboro.

W. T. McCarthy,
Capt. A. H. R. Co.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

Dear Sir:—The decision of the judges In the protest of the Atlantic Hose Company of Newbern, against South Side Hose Company No. 4, of Greensboro, is that the South Side Hose Company No. 4, be ruled out and the Atlantic Hose Company of Newbern, is entitled to first prize, and the Chicora Hose Company of Fayetteville, second prize.

H. P. Christie,
F. H. Vogler,
B. T. Amerson,
W. C. VonGlahn,

The following is the appeal taken from the decision of the Judges, to the Executive Committee.

Newbern, N. C., Aug. 8th, 1895.

To the Exccutive Committee State Firemen's Association, State of North Carolina:

Dear Sirs:—Having been a contestant in the Grab Race at contest held this day, and feeling and knowing that an injustice has been done my company in ruling same out on the grounds of an outsider having assisted us, I deem it my privilege and duty to

members of my Company to make this appeal. In law, whe charges are preferred against a person, these charges must b proven before the person can be pronounced guilty. It is also rule in all contests where protests are entered to prove irregular ties and a failure to do so exhonorates the party or parties. In th case in question we are charged with receiving assistance from a outsider; these charges not having been proven by any other tha incorrect statements, does it not then fall solely on the judg stationed where the irregularity occurred as charged, but not prove to render a decision. If our Company was interferred with by ar outsider, were we given the protection against such interference a we were entitled to under the rules, viz: That no one but co testants be allowed inside the ropes. If this protection is not give contestants any outsider who might have á wager on the resul seeing that a certain company was about to win, could under th arrangements to-day not in compliance with the rules, steps in ar pull hose or step on same or in some other way act so as to cau the innocent company to be ruled out. The charges cannot b proven truthfully, so I ask justice. Is it not strange that of th many persons present none but the complainants could see a *ma in usual* citizens attire rendering the assistance as charge Would not the contrast in attires attract the attention of other We claim that if an outsider did interfere was it not probab that it was done to damage Greensboro? If it was or was not do with that intention we claim protection under the rules and t benefit of the doubt, the proper proof of charges not havi been produced.

J. HENRY PHIPPS,
Capt. South Side Hose Company.

The decision of the Executive Committee after caref consideration, is that the decision of the Judges be sus tained.

HORSE REEL RACE.

ENTRIES.

Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Greensboro.
Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, Winston,

Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, Wilmington.
Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, Newbern.
Sterm Fire Engine Company No. 1, Newbern.

Judges.—Jas. D. McNeill, H. P Christie, Ben. T. Amerson, J. D. Ellock, F. H. Vogler.
Starter.—J. W. Griffith.
Timers.—Morris Sultan, Jno. J. Nelson.

Time—Howard Relief 44 4-5 seconds.
" Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Co. Newbern, 45¼ seconds.
" Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Greensboro, 43 4-5 "
" Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1, Newbern, failed on start.
" Steam Fire Engine Co., No. 1, Winston, 44 seconds.

The following protest was handed to the Judges by the Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, of Newbern, against the Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, of Greensboro, as follows:

NEWBERN, N. C., Aug. 9th, 1895.

The Atlantic Horse Hose Reel Company, of Newbern, protest against Greensboro Horse Hose Reel Company, No. 1, on account parties not members of said Company assisting in said contest.

L. J. TAYLOR, Chief.
F. B. LANE, Foreman.
J. L. HARTSFIELD, Foreman.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

The Judges in the Horse Hose Reel Races, after having the evidence in the Protest by Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company, of Newbern, against Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, of Greensboro, find themselves unable to satisfactorily decide this case on rules given for our guidance. We recognize the fact that one the Judges unquestionably violated his duties and privileges as Judge, and we feel should we adhere strictly to the rules, that perhaps one of our best companies may be unjustly treated. We, therefore, recommend to the local committee to divide the two prizes into *three equal* ones, and give one part each to the Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company, of Wilmington, Steam Fire

Engine Company, No, 1, Greensboro, and Steam Fire Engine Co pany, No. 1, Winston.

J. D. McNeil,
B. T. Amerson,
F. H. Vogler,
J. D. Bullock,
Judges

The following appeal was taken from the decision the Judges to the Executive Committee, by the Ste Fire Engine Company No. 1, Greensboro.

To the Executive Committee of the Firemen's Association North Carolina:

The Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Company, No. 1, having b awarded by the Judges, (or it has been recommended by the Jud that they receive a part of the prize) a part of the prize for Horse Hose Reel Race, hereby file this as their appeal from decision ot the Judges, and ask that said matter be heard by Executive Committee. We claim that if we are entitled to part of the money, we are entitled to first prize, as we made run in the shortest time.

We further insist that the protest filed by Chief Taylor should have been filed, as if anything was done by Judges at the plug was after water had passed out, and that the Judges stationed the plug was placed there to judge in regard to anything should occur at that plug.

Hoping to be heard by the Executive Committee, we are,

Very respectfully,

John Lewis,
Foreman Greensboro Steam Fire Engine Co., No.

The decision of the Executive Committee after ca fully considering the appeal from Judges decision in Horse Hose Reel contest, decide to sustain the decis of the Judges.

Immediately after the last company run in the Ho Hose Reel Race, Steam Fire Engine Company, No Newbern, requested the Judges to allow them to m an exhibition run, not for the prizes, but that the t

ade be recorded and credited to them. The request allowed, time taken, 40¾ seconds.

NOTE.—This Company failed to make the run in the ntest on account of the horse in making start jumped, eaking a trace.

HAND HOOK AND LADDER RACE.

ENTRIES.

Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Greensboro.
Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Winston.

Judges.—Ben. T. Amerson, Joe. R. Willis.
Starter.—J. W. Griffith.
Timers.—Morris H. Sultan, Jno. J. Nelson.
Time—Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Greensboro, 33½ seconds.
" Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Winston, 38 1-5 seconds.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

The decision of the Judges in the Hand Hook and Ladder Race that Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Greensboro, is entitled first prize.

B. T. AMERSON,
JOE R. WILLIS,
Judges.

AFTERNOON

HORSE HOOK AND LADDER RACE.

Entries, Judges, Starter, and Timers same as in Hand Hook and dder Race.

Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

The Judges in the Horse Hook and Ladder Race, decide that ook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Winston, made the run in 56½ sec- ds. therefore is entitled to first prize.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, Greensboro, 1 minute 16½ seconds, erefore entitled to 2nd prize.

B. T. AMERSON,
JOE R. WILLIS,
Judges.

HAND HOSE REEL RACE.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.

ENTRIES.

Atlantic Hose Company, Newbern.
Chicora Hose Company, Fayetteville.
Judges.—W. C. VonGlahn, J. K. Willis, J. S. Dunn.
Starter.—J. W. Griffith.
Timer.—Morris H. Sultan.
Time—Atlantic's, 60¾ seconds.
" Chicora's, 64 seconds.

To Dr. J. W. Griffith, Secretary:

We, the Judges appointed by the Association in the Champio ship Contest decide that the the Atlantic Hose Company of Ne berne, having made best time in the Championship Hose Race entitled to hold the Championship Belt of the North Carolina Sta Firemen's Association for one year as per rule governing same.

W. C. VonGlahn,
Joe K. Willis,
Jas. S. Dunn,
Judges.

This ended the most succeesful Tournament ever hel under the supervision of the North Carolina State Fir men's Association since its organization. The time mad in the different contests comparing favorably with thos made in any State in the Union.

FOURTH DAY.

Ever since the program for the Convention and Tourna ment was issued by the Local Committee, the firemen a over the State have been looking forward to the excu ion down the "River Neuse," on the Palatial Steame

he time advertised for the start was 9.30 o'clock A. . But on account of a "test" having been arranged etween Mr. Lambert and Steam Fire Engine Company, o. 1, of Wilmington, to show the efficiency of the Ball Nozzle" in fighting fire, the start was not made l after 10 o'clock, with everything good to eat and ink in abundance, with every local and visiting firemen d the jolly "Cook" with his famous Silver Cornet Band oard. We pulled anchor and steamed out on a trip at will long be remembered by every one on board as e "time of their life," with plenty to eat and drink, d plenty of good music and more, the good Irish songs d recitations by the "jolly Cook." It was sure a big ne, for President McNeill said so, and with "Maud" the I'm awfully sorry it occurred," and everybody else in e best of humor. Time rolled on so rapidly that before knew we were on board, we had gone to the mouth the Neuse River, (35 miles) and almost back to the arf. There it was that a vote of thanks were tendered e firemen of Newbern, for hospitality and open hearted-ss in giving their visitors such a jolly, grand good ne, Newbern sustained her reputation and more. Fire-n from all over the State was aboard, and the general pression was, "we expected much but got more." ry soon we pulled up to the wharf and all went ashore ling a regret that this was the end, and feeling loath to ve the hospitable old town and its many pretty girls.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

he stealthy tread of the grim tyrant has been heard in our sehold and we mourn the loss of those whom we dearly loved esteemed. With sorrowing hearts we weep over their newly le graves and plant a flower of love to keep vigil at the little

mound that marks their last resting place. With them life's fitfu fever is over; "Peace to their ashes and rest to their souls." Thei lips are forever sealed by the cold dews of death. Yet they ar not dead, for in their virtuous lives and spotless characters, the still live and speak and their works do follow them. Sooner o later we must all partake of this cup; must test the bitterness c that supremely solemn moment in the life of man. As we call t mind some dear brother who "being dead yet speaketh," remem ber that "Blessed is the dead that die in the Lord." Therefore, be

Resolved, That in the death of these brethren the Associatio sustains a deep loss, their individual companies good and worth members, and the community at large, valued citizens. To the bereaved and sorrowing families we can but commend them to a All-wise God who doeth all things well, and we can but bow i humble submission to his will.

Knowing we but honor ourselves by honoring our dead, w recommend that a memorial page containing their names and da of death, be set apart in our proceedings as a testimonial of o esteem and affection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BULLOCK.

IN MEMORIAM.

GUY F. STYRON,
NEWBERN, N. C.,
Died, September 20th, 1894.

ED. B. ENGLEHARD,
RALEIGH, N. C.,
Died, February, 9th, 1895.

N. V. HERNDON,
DURHAM, N. C.,
Died, March 8th, 1895.

FRANK BRANAN,
RALEIGH, N. C.,
Died, May 14th, 1895.

CHARLES LEWIS,
GREENSBORO, N. C.,
Died, June 17th, 1895.

JOHN W. FINK,
CONCORD, N. C.,
Died, July 15th, 1895.

RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENTS AND RACES HELD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

RULE I.

There shall be held annually an Association Tournament, a such time and place as the Association shall from time to tim direct, at which Tournament, and no other, the championship o the various branches of the firemen's service shall be contested for

All Tournaments shall be under the auspices of the Association but the arrangements shall be made by the firemen and citizens a the place which it is to be held.

RULE II.

SECTION 1. Champion prizes, other than money prizes, shall b the property of the Association, subject to their cali and control but will be in possession of the champion Companies until withi ten days of the meeting of the Association, when it shall be returne to the Secretary, and by him put in safe keeping until the day o the races, and then he shall place the same in the hands of th Judges of the race for which the prize is offered, before the Com panies start in said race.

SEC. 2. This Association shall have the power to suspend an Company from participating in any Annual Tournament.

SEC. 3. All Companies, members of this Association, can contes for prizes at the Annual Tournament, unless suspended.

SEC. 4. All prizes hereafter offered for contest at the Annua Tournament of the Association, for which there has been n competition, shall revert to the North Carolina State Firemen' Association, to be by said Association devoted to the purchase o permanent Association Championship prizes, to be competed for a provided for in the preceeding Section.

RULE III.

SECTION 1. The Captains of the competing teams shall selec Judges and Time-Keepers, at each Annual Tournament, who shal

ecide each and every contest which takes place at said Tournaent, and no Judges shall be from towns which are represented by ıy teams.

SEC. 2. Companies shall have the right to appeal from the ecisions of the Judges to the Executive Committee, and the decision this Committee on all questions submitted to them shall be final.

RULE IV.

SECTION 1. Any Company attempting to win a prize by fraud, ception or foul play, or in any dishonorable way, or who shall sobey or infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these ıles, shall forfeit any prize won thereby, and shall be subject to spension or expulsion.

SEC. 2. None but regular organized Companies, who have been ganized as such at least thirty days prior to the Annual Tournaent, and are members of this Association, can compete for any ampionship, and no person shall be allowed to run with or assist y Company in any contest who has not been a member of said mpany at least thirty days prior to such contest.

SEC. 3. No Company shall be allowed more than one trial in any ntest.

RULE V.

SECTION 1. Every person taking any part in any contest requirig running shall be required to start with his Company from the srting point.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Starting Judges to start each tm by saying, "Are you ready?" after which a pistol will be fired can electric bell sounded, and time taken from these.

SEC. 3. All contestants in races must be decently clothed, the lecutive Committee to decide.

RULE VI.

SECTION 1. The Start and Outcome Judges in any contest shall, t means of flag signals, signify their readiness for a start prior to ay run.

SEC. 2. Timers must be placed at the Outcome and time must t settled by them before reporting to the Judges, and they must rort their readiness to Judges at Outcome before each team is srted,

RULE VII.

SECTION 1. The names of the contestants in each team, and t names of not more than four substitutes in each team, must handed to the Secretary of the Association prior to the contest, a such list must be accompanied by certificate from the Forem and Secretary of the Company to which the team belongs th such parties are actual members of thirty days' standing in sa Company.

SEC. 2. In case of a tie being made by teams in any conte the Judges shall immediately order such teams to run over, a said contest between such teams shall be the deciding run of su contest

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RULES GOVERNING HOSE COMPANIES.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

SECTION 1. Any cart capable of carrying 500 feet of regulat hose may be used, number not to exceed sixteen men and a Fo man.

SEC. 2. Hose race, wet or dry, distance to hydrant 200 yards, 300 feet of hose, uncouple, put on pipe, time to be called when pe is dropped to the ground in dry run, and when water leaves the pe in wet run, carts not to carry less than 350 feet of hose reeled io one continuous line, Companies not to exceed sixteen men ana Foreman.

SEC. 3. Center of reel of hose cart or carriage to be on starting line.

SEC. 4. Pipe to be carried on cart or by pipeman from the st Pipe shall be of such style or pattern as teams may select, *provi always*, they are suitable for active service. *No couplings ot than standard screw couplings shall be allowed.*

SEC. 5. Sixteen men and a Foreman allowed in all Hose Ra no man to start ahead of leaders or to fall in and assist in dragg the apparatus after the start.

SEC. 6. No professional runner will be allowed to compete in contest, The term, "professional runner," is applied to one

: or is following racing as a profession or means of a livelihood, l common reputation shall be deemed conclusive evidence of h profession, which shall be determined by the Executive nmittee.

EC. 7. All couplings used must be standard screw couplings, ht threads to the inch and adapted to two and one-half inch hose; the hose on each coupling not to be shorter than fifty feet.

EC. 8. All work must be done by hands or spanner.

EC. 9. Snap, spring and unproportioned couplings, or any achment to couplings to assist in breaking or making, BARRED.

EC. 10. When time is called competitors must step back for ges to examine. Judges must chalk pipe and couplings before nving, then turn pipe off to see that it takes the required three ns to disconnect.

EC. 11. That the Association, at its meeting previous to the time h Championship Race shall come off, shall elect three Judges, Time-Keeper and one whose duty it shall be to take charge of Race under the above Rules and report the result to the retary as soon as such Race is over.

HOOK AND LADDER CONTESTS.

'rucks to be weighed and one man allowed to every seventy-five pounds—Captain and Ladderman not included with the ning team, but to run in the contest.

Distance to be run one hundred (100) yards—unstrap and take three ladders, raise the third ladder (which must not be less n thirty (30) feet long), man to ascend and touch top piece of ader and descend, replacing all ladders and strap down. Ladders st be raised by hand—no hooks or poles allowed.

adderman must start from bottom round.

No less than two entries required.

No Truck Company will be allowed to form a Reel Team.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNIN MONEY PRIZES.

STEAMER CONTEST.

QUICK STEAM—TWO TO ENTER.

Steamer to come to cistern empty and cold; to be filled with co water until the engineer running the engine says "stop;" fuel to furnished by the Judges, and must be the same as fired with in ca of fire, (either wood or coal and not over one-half gallon of alcoh or oil.) Time to be taken from first appearance of smoke from t of stack, and to throw water 50 feet, through not less than 48 f of hose. *Distance*—Steamer throwing water the greatest distan with not over 100 pounds of steam, through not less than 48 f of hose, size and kind of nozzle optionál.

HAND REEL CONTEST.

TWO TO ENTER.

Sixteen men and a Foreman allowed.

Reel not to carry less than one hundred and forty-eight fee standard two and one-half inch hose; to be connected on the s as when ready for duty at fires, (three full threads or turns); to one hundred and fifty yards, unreel not less than ninety-eight of hose, attach same to plug, screw pipe to hose, (any size noz throw water in quickest time. The butt to drop opposite or bey the plug, or Company shall be ruled out. (It is understoo "butt to drop opposite or beyond the plug" to mean that w from nozzle shall show at this point). The plug must be clo cap on three threads, at the time of the Company's starting on and shall only be opened by the wrenchman running with Company. No straps or snap couplings allowed. The hose

e let go as soon as attached to the plug. If the butt is blown off ıe Company shall be ruled out. No couplings shall be used ithout nipples. No Company will be allowed to assist another. ı the run, each Company is required to furnish a roll of its ıembers to the Secretary of the Association on the morning of the rst day, at as early an hour as possible. Fifteen minutes will be llowed each Company after the Judges' signal of ready, and any ompany failing to start within that time shall be ruled out. Two ıtries required. No one allowed inside the ropes except the ompany making the run. The Company making the best time ins the first prize. No Company allowed to enter more than one am.

GRAB RACE CONTEST.

Company to run fifty yards, grab reel and run fifty yards to plug, nreel not less than forty-eight feet of hose, attach same to plug ıd throw water—drag rope to be up or down (optional with ompany). Coupling to be made with two full threads. Plug ust be closed when Company start on run, same as the Reel ontest.

HAND TRUCK HOOK AND LADDER RACE.

Companies allowed one man to every seventy-five pounds xclusive of Ladderman and Captain. Must run one hundred ırds, unstrap and take off three ladders, raise the third ladder, vhich must not be less than thirty feet long) man to ascend and uch top piece or round of ladder and descend, replace all ladders ıd strap down. Ladders must be raised by hand. No hooks or ıles allowed. Ladderman must start from bottom round. Not ss than two entries allowed. No Hose Company allowed to form assist a Truck Company.

HOOK AND LADDER CONTEST–HORSE TRUCK

TWO TO ENTER.

Companies allowed One or Two Horse Truck. Trucks to b weighed. Weight for one horse not less than 1,200 pound *exclusive of driver and men;* for two horses, not less than 2,6c pounds. Horse or horses to be standing hitched to truck, and ru three hundred yards; unstrap and take off three ladders, raise th third ladder, (which must not be less than thirty feet long), man t ascend and touch top piece or round of ladder and descenc replace all ladders and strap down. Ladder must be raised b hand. No hooks or poles allowed. Ladderman must start fro bottom round. Not less than two entries allowed. No Ho Company allowed to form or assist a Truck Company. On sixteen men allowed, exclusive of driver and Ladderman.

HORSE REEL RACE.

TWO TO ENTER.

Companies allowed the use of any four-wheeled Hose Carria or Wagon, either one or two horse; to carry not less than 350 fe standard two and one-half inch hose; Carriage or wagon to l weighed; weight for one horse not less than 1,200 pounds *exclusi of driver and men;* for two horses, not less than 2,600 pound *exclusive of driver and men;* the driver, buttman and couplin breaker shall ride on Carriage or Wagon, horse or horses to standing hitched to Hose Carriage or Wagon, and run two hundr yards to hydrant, unreel not less than two hundred and eighty-eig feet of hose, break coupling and attach pipe and show wate water must show within fifty feet of two hundred and eighty-eig foot line; hose to be reeled on Carriage or placed in Wago connected with three full threads. The plug must be closed at t time of the Company starting, and cannot be opened until hose first started to be unreeled. Companies allowed five men addition to those who ride, and can be placed in such position desired. Time taken from first signal until water shows. If b or pipe blows off Company shall be ruled out.

100-YARD FOOT RACE CONTEST.

Men to run one hundred yards. Two men to be selected by the aptain of each Company. The one making the best time wins ıe prize.

OTHER EVENTS.

SACK RACE.

Contestants to be enveloped in bags to the neck, run fifty yards. ll persons entering must run at the same time.

BARROW RACE.

To run fifty yards. Contestants to be blind-folded. The one ming nearest to the mark wins the prize.

GENERAL RULES.

All contestants will be required to take part in the parade less excused for satisfactory reasons. Same to be made in iting.

In no case will a second trial be allowed.

Each Company's run will be decided by lot.

Captains will select all Judges on the morning of the contests.

All competing Companies must furnish the Judges with weight apparatus—to be weighed on city scales.

Companies wishing couplings—city standard, eight threads to inch—will be furnished with the same on application to the ief of Fire Department.

Hose will be furnished on the day of the contest if desired.

No person will be allowed to enter any of the contests unless he *bona fide* member of the Company with which he enters.

N. B.—Judges must be governed by the above RULES, as no nges will be allowed under any circumstances.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTH CARO LINA FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives i General Assembly Convened:

SECTION 1. That C. D. Benbow, J. G. Fowler, H. J. Elam, A. Boyd, C. F. Thomas, J. R. Donnell, Charles Whititngton and S. I Wilson, of Greensboro; J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; J. Thacker, W. F. Keith, S. A. Sink, C. A. Snipes, F. H. Vogler, C. Meinung, of Winston-Salem; E. B. Engelhard, T. W. Blake, H. Lumsden and F. Branan of Raleigh; H. E. Heartt, of Durhat B, J. Swinson, of Charlotte, and such other persons as are ass ciated with them and their successors be, and they hereby ar constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Nor Carolina State Firemen's Association, and by that name sue and sued, and prosecute and defend suits in all Courts in this Sta and may have and use a common seal, and alter the same pleasure. May make contracts and shall be capable in law purchasing, holding and conveying any real or personal estate the use and benefit of said Association or corporation, provid that said corporation shall not at any time hold real or perso estate of a greater amount than ten thousand ($10,000) dollars.

SEC. 2. The purposes for which said Association is organiz are: The protection and promotion of the best interests of Firemen of North Carolina, the compilation of fire statistics, collection of information concerning the practical workings different systems of organizations, the examination of and inqu concerning the merits of the different kinds of apparatus in use a the improvements in the same, the cultivation of a fraternal fello ship between the different Companies of the State.

SEC. 3. Said Association or corporation shall have power appoint officers, hold meetinings, to adopt a Constitution and en such By-Laws and in such manner as their Constitution n prescribe, and make such rules and regulations as may be necess to carry into effect the objects and aims of the Association, *p vided*, that such Constitution and By-Laws, rules and regulati be not repugnant to the Constitution of the State and of the Uni States.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be in force from and after its r fication.

Ratified the 11th day of March, A. D., 1889.

HE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

PREAMBLE.

Ve, the members of the North Carolina State Firemen's ociation, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish mony of action, insure prosperity and success, provide pecuniary port, secure protection and promote the best interest of the emen of North Carolina, and compile statistics of information cerning the practical workings of various systems, and the its of various apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires, the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several Departments of the State, do hereby establish the following stitution and By-Laws:

ONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

CTION 1. This organization shall be known as the North lina State Firemen's Association.

ARTICLE II.

CTION 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a dent, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, hey shall constitute the Executive Committee, and will hold respective officers for one year, or until their successors shall ected and qualified.

C. 2. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the ciation by ballot, the successful candidate to receive a majority e votes cast.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The members of this Association shall consist of t several Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of Fire Departments, Fi Marshals, Superintendents of Fire Alarm Telegraph, and ea regular organized Fire Company in the several Fire Departmer of the State, said persons and Companies complying with t provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Associatio all individual members of such Fire Company shall, also, by virt of their membership in such Company, be members of tl Association for the purpose of participating in the benefits of tl Association, and the funds distributed by it, so long as sa Company, remains a member of this Association, and compli with the Constitution and By-Laws, and no longer. But shou any member fail to pay his *pro rata* assessment, when called fc he shall be debarred from the privileges of this Association.

SEC. 2. Any member injured or made sick by disease contract in the actual discharge of his duty, as a Fireman, shall be entitl to benefits from the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of this Associati as follows: At the rate of two ($2.00) dollars for each day wh unable to attend to his ordinary business by reason of such inju or sickness, but such beneficiary arising from any particular inju or sickness shall not lose time longer than *one hundred* days frc date of such injury, or beginning of such disability created by su sickness; but the Executive Committe may extend such benef to the next annual meeting of the Aseociation held next after t expiration of said period of one hundred days, and the Associati at the annual meeting will, at its pleasure, determine the time f which such benefits may be received. In case of death from su sickness or injury, this Association shall pay to the widow of t deceased $250.00 and $50.00 for funeral expenses, and in case t deceased should have no relatives, this amount shall be paid in the Treasury of the Company of which he was a member. Eve person or Company eligible and desiring to become a member this Association shall make application to the Secretary, and at t same time pay to the Secretary the prescribed membership fee, a thereupon, if such applicant be eligible, he shall become a memb of this Association.

SEC. 3. Every Fire Company in the State, which is a member this Association, shall, on or before the first day of August in ea

, elect two delegates and, also, two alternates, to serve for the ing year, with the Chief Engineer and First Assistant of the ous Departments as delega es at large, who are entitled to one each.

EC. 4. All Companies represented in this Association must be ll accord and in good standing in the Fire Department where are located, and if at any time they are not so, they shall forfeit ight to membership in this Association.

ARTICLE IV.

CTION 1. The Annual meeting of the Association shall be held ch time and place, in each and every year, as the Executive mittee may select, at such as a majority of the members ent of the Association shall designate, and special meetings be called by the President or a majority of the Executive mittee.

SC. 2. A failure to hold any Annual meeting at the time nated in the Constitution shall in no wise make a dissolution te Association.

C. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and as they may decide, on a call of the President or a majority d Committee.

ARTICLE V.

TION 1. If any vacancy shall occur by reason of death, ation of office or membership of any officers of this Associa- uch vacancy may be filled by the Executive Committee for expired term for which said officer was elected.

ARTICLE VI.

ETION 1. This Association shall have power to alter, amend e se this Constitution and By-Laws, but it shall be necessary two-thirds vote of the members of the Association present *d to vote, provided* the proposed amendment shall be ted in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive ttee.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside o the meeting of the Association and to sign all orders duly gran by the Association or Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in his absence.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a comp record of the proceedings of the Association, to receive answer all communications pertaining to the Association. keep a roster of the names of the different Companies compos the Association and the individual membership thereof, an collect the initiation fee and per capita tax, to pay the same ove the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall receive compensation for his service $200 per annum, to be paid quart by warrant on the Treasurer, signed by the President.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by Secretary and receipt to him for the same. He shall co annually from the State Treasurer the amount appropriated by Legislature for the Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall disburs moneys except on order of the President or by instruction of Association in annual meeting assembled. At the annual mee he shall make a full report of all moneys received and disbu by him, and shall execute a bond to the State of North Caroli the amount of $5,000 to be approved and filed with the Treas of the said State of North Carolina, and shall make a det report to the said Treasurer of the yearly expenditures o Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall execute a bond in the su $800 to this Association for the security of the General Fund, bond must be approved by the Executive Committee. He receive $150.00 compensation as annual salary, to be paid quar by warrant issued by the Secretary and signed by the Preside

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to correctly pile the statistics of each village and city in the State, of all m pertaining to the fire service, annually correcting the pre reports, which shall include everything of interest to our Fire

and be so arranged as to be comprehensive in its every detail. The expense of all printing, printed matter and postage necessary in the sending for and receiving of such information to be paid by the Association, and he shall receive $25 annually for his services.

SEC. 7. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to have published the proceedings of the Association, to transact all business of the Association during the time intervening between the annual meetings, and they shall constitute a Board of Trustees for the management of all funds of the Association. At all meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum may determine all questions.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. Each Company shall pay a membership fee of five dollars, and fifty cents per capita yearly thereafter in advance, for dues; and each Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph shall pay one dollar annual dues in advance. The Secretary shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

SEC. 2. The annual dues shall be paid on or before the first day of January in each year, in advance for the ensuing year. And all members who fail to comply with this Section shall thereupon, and by reason of such failure, cease to be members of this Association and cannot again become members except by a new application, made in regular form, and paying the prescribed fees for membership.

SEC. 3. Any individual or Company, members of this Association, who at any time, fail to act in a gentlemanly manner, may, upon charges being brought before the Association, be expelled from said Association by a majority vote of the membership.

SEC. 4. Any exempt Firemen may, upon the payment of two dollars and of the regular annual dues, become a member of this Association, with all the rights and privileges of any other member.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. All members sick or injured in the line of fire duty shall be entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of this Association as follows: At the rate of two dollars each day, while unable to attend to their regular business, as provided for in the Constitution.

SEC. 2. In case of death from sickness or injury received in the performance of fire duty, ($250) two hundred and fifty dollars, and ($50) fifty dollars for funeral expenses.

SEC. 3. For the widow; in case there is no widow, to the children; if there is no child or children, to the mother of the deceased Fireman, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, and fifty dollars for funeral expenses; and in case there be no relatives, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Company of which he was a member.

SEC. 4. The Chief, or Acting Chief, shall certify before a Magistrate or Notary Public, on blank form, in triplicate, furnished by the Secretary, all particulars regarding each case where a benefit is required, accompanied by the certificate of the attending physician.

SEC. 5. Applications for benefits shall be made to the Secretary, in compliance with forms to be furnished by him for that purpose, and shall be made within thirty days after receiving the injury or contracting the disease complained of; but said time for making said application may be extended by the Executive Committee for good cause shown.

SEC. 6. The action of the Assciation upon all questions that may arise as to granting or referring relief and benefits, both as to amount thereof and the person claiming, and as incidental thereto, upon all questions relating to the right or claims of membership, shall be final and conclusive, and the action of the Executive Committee upon said questions shall in like manner and extent be final and conclusive until the same be changed by the Association at its annual meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum; all uestions of order shall be decided by him, subject to an appeal to ıe Association.

2. Every member when he speaks shall rise, standing in his ace, address the presiding officer, and shall omit personalities, ıd confine himself to the question under debate.

3. When two or more members shall arise at once, the presiding ficer shall name the one who shall speak first.

4. A member when called to order shall immediately sit down, ıless permitted to explain by the Chair. If there be no appeal, ıe decision shall be conclusive.

5. Every delegate shall vote, unless excused by the Association, lıt no delegate shall vote on any question in which he shall have a rect individual or pecuniary interest, and the Prestdent shall only ıte in case of a tie.

6. The ayes and nays shall be taken and entered upon the minutes c the Association, if required by three delegates.

7. All business not provided for in these By-Laws, shall be t.nsacted according to the Parliamentary rules that govern delib-eıtive bodies. Not less than the representatives of five Companies sıll constitute a quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order.
2. Presentation of credentials.
3. Read the minutes of previous meeting.
4. Collection of Dues.
5. Report of officers and committees.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Volunteer report of fire organizations.
8. Election of officers.
9. Unfinished business.
10. Installation of officers.
12. Adjournment.

AN ACT CREATING A RELIEF FUND FOR DISABLED FIREMEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the sum of two thousand five hundred ($2,500 dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated annually, and shal constitute a Firemen's Relief Fund, but in no case shall the sai appropriation exceed one-half of the license tax levied and collecte by the State from Insurance Companies.

SEC. 2. That the Treasurer of the State shall pay the amoun constituting the Firemen's Relief Fund to the Treasurer of th North Carolina State Firemen's Association on the warrant of th Auditor of the State.

SEC. 3. That the money so paid in the hands of the Treasurer c the said North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be know and remain as the Firemen's Relief Fund of North Carolina, an shall be used as a Fund for the relief of Firemen, members of th Association, who may be injured or rendered sick by disease cor tracted in the actual discharge of duty as Firemen, and for reli of widows' children, and if there be no widow or children, the dependent mothers of such Firemen killed or dying from diseas so contracted in such discharge of duty, to be paid in such manne and in such sums to such individuals of the classes herein name and described as may be provided for and determined upon i accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Associatio And such provisions and determinations made pursuant to sai Constitution and By-Laws shall be final and conclusive as to th persons entitled to benefits, and as to the amount of benefit to b received, and no action at law shall be maintained against sai Association to enforce any claim or recover any benefit under th Act, or under the Constitution and By-Laws of said Associatio but if any officer or Committee of said Association omit or refu to perform any duty imposed upon him or them, nothing herei contained shall be construed to prevent any proceedings again said officer or Committee to compel him or them to perform suc duty.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen Association shall give a bond to the State of North Carolina wi

od and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Treasurer of e State of North Carolina in double of the sum received by him, d State Treasurer, for the faithful performance of his duties der this Act, and shall make detailed report to the State Treasurer the yearly expenditure of the appropriation under this Act on or ore the end of the fiscal year.

EC. 5. The line of duty specified in Section 3 shall not be so nstrued as to mean any other duty except actual fire duty, which ll consist of service in the Fire Department from the time of Fire Alarm until the members are dismissed by the Company cers at roll call; also any actual duty connected with the Fire partment when directed to perform the same by the officer in rge.

EC. 6. That any Firemen of good moral character in North olina, and belonging to an organized Fire Company, who will nply with the requisitions of the Constitution and By-Laws of h North Carolina State Firemen's Association may become a mber of said Association, and any organized Fire Company in rth Carolina, holding itself ready for duty, may, upon compliance h the requisitions of said Constitution and By-Laws, become a mber of said North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

EC. 7. That the provisions of this Act shall apply to any Fire- n who is a member of a regularly organized Fire Company.

EC. 8. That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratifi- on.

atified this the 6th day of March, A. D., 1891.

AMENDMENT.

An Act of the last Legislature reads as follows: (See page 41, Proceedings of 1893.)

An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 868, Laws 1891.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That Section 2, Chapter 468, Laws 1891, be amended to read as follows:

SEC 2. That the Treasurer of the State shall pay the amoun constituting the Firemen's Relief Fund on the warrant of th Auditor, three-fourths to the Treasurer of the North Carolina Stat Volunteer Firemen's Association properly chartered by law. Tha the said Treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Fire men's Association shall give bond and the said Association sha disburse the funds in the same manner and under the same rule as the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratif cation.

Ratified March 6th, A. D., 1893.

AMENDMENT.

An act to amend section two, chapter four hundred and seven four of the laws of 1873.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That section 2, chapter 474 of laws 1893, be amend as follows:

That the words three-fourths in line three, of said Section 2 stricken out and the word one-fourth be inserted in lieu thereof.

SEC. 2. That this act be in force from and after its ratification

Ratified this the 28th day of February, A. D., 1895.

MEMBERSHIP.

LIST OF COMPANIES MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Howard Relief Fire Engine Co	Wilmington	Department.
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1	"	"
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	"	"
Rough and Ready Fire Engine Co	Salem.	"
Eagle Hose Co. No. 2	"	"
Eagle Hose Co. No. 7	Greensboro.	"
South Side Hose Co. No. 4	"	"
Hook and Ladder Co. No 1	"	"
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1	"	"
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	Tarboro	"
Fire Department	Charlotte	"
Independent Hose Co. No 2	Durham	"
Golden Belt Hose Co. No 1	"	"
Fire Co. No. 1	Goldsboro	"
Eclipse Steam Fire Engine Co	"	"
Electric Hose Reel Co	"	"
Fire Co. No. 1	Salisbury	"
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1	Reidsville	"
Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Co	Newbern	"
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1	"	"
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	Winston	"
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1	"	"
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 2	"	"
Phœnix Fire Engine Co	Wilson	"
Rescue Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1	Raleigh	"
Capital Hose Co. No. 3	"	"
Womble Hook and Ladder Co	"	"
Hose Co. No. 1	Asheville	"
Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	"	"
Chicora Steam Fire Engine Co	Fayetteville	"
Hose and Reel Co	Concord	"
Albemarle Fire Co	Elizabeth City	"
Fire Co. No. 1	Monroe	"
Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 1	Kinston	"

LISTS OF CHIEFS AND ASSISTANTS OF DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED IN THE ASSOCIATION.

Chief, Martin Newman Ass't, Chas. Schnibbens	Wilmington	Departmer
Chief, F. C. Meinung Ass't, W. C. Grunert	Salem	"
Chief, J. J. Stone Ass't, A. G. Alexander	Greensboro	"
Chief, C. B. Mehegan Ass't, Henry Morris, Jr.	Tarboro	"
Chief, W. E. Culpeper	Charlotte	"
Chief, W. C. Bradsher Ass't, H. E. Heartt	Durham	"
Chief, J. W. Lamb Ass't, Leopold Cohen.	Goldsboro	"
Chief, George G. Seyfert Ass't, M. V. B. Capps	Salisbury	"
Chief, S. N. White Ass't, J. F. Shultz	Reidsville	"
Chief, L. J. Taylor Ass't, W. D. Barrington	Newbern	"
Chief, John W. Hanes Ass't W. H. Reagan	Winston	"
Chief, W. P. Wooten Ass't, Ben. T. Amerson	Wilson	"
Chief L. A. Mahler Ass't, W. Woolcott	Raleigh	"
Chief, Jas. P. Sawyer Ass't, H. C. Fagg	Asheville	"
Chief, Jas. D. McNeill Ass't, John Roddick	Fayetteville	"
Chief, John W. Fink Ass't, J. L. Boger	Concord	"
Chief, Fred. H. Zeigler	Elizabeth City	"
Chief, John D. Taylor	Kinston	"

OMPANY AND DEPARTMENT MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 1895-96.

HOWARD RELIEF FIRE ENGINE CO., WILMINGTON.

JC. Boesch,	Franz Neier,	W. H. Bloom,
Henry F. Duls,	Thad Dickenson,	P. N. Fick,
Harry Geichen,	Geo. C. Schutte,	George Grotjen,
Henry F. Haar,	J. W. Bloome,	John Mohr,
Henry Newman,	H. T. Oldenbuttel	J. D. Steljes,
Wm. Fuchs.	J. E. Haar,	Walter Furlong,
Schnibbens,	H. L. Peterson,	H. Gerdee.

FIFTH WARD HOOK AND LADDER CO., WILMINGTON.

E. Mason,	W. F. Ketchum, Sec'y,	Thos J. Gore,
T. Brown,	C. C. Parker,	J. A. Martin,
W. Willis,	R. A. Biddle,	J. C. Brown.
W. Fails.		

STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., NO. 1, WILMINGTON.

C. VonGlahn,	E. B. Burkeheimer,	H. G. Walsh,
G. Parmelee,	R. F. Warren,	W. L. Burkeheimer,
C. Craft,	B. McD. Russell,	R. C. Platt,
R. Russell,	J. W. Furlong,	Wm. McR. Smith,
C. Smith,	George Honnett,	Jas. D. Motte,
B. Cooper,	E. G. Jones,	Jno. D. Burkeheimer.
B. Holland,	H. D. Burkeheimer,	W. P. Platt,
H James,	T. J. McMurray,	Jas. L. White,
I. McMillan.	Jas. Newman,	Jas. Oldham,
Quinlivan,	Jno. T. Yates.	

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E. H. Munson,
H. B. Peschan,
H. D. Springer,
R. W. White,
T. C. Bunting, Jr.,
H. G. Bowden,
G. C. Southerland,
H. P. Munson,
W. M. Hoary,
J. A. Everett, Jr., Sec.
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J. S. Williams,
A. H. Zeoller,
H. W. Turrentine.
J. H. Bunting,
J. W. Cotten, Jr.,
R. H. Northrop,
R. C. DeRossett,
S. W. Vick,
A. D. Myers,
A. E. Peschan,
J. B. Turner,
J. M. Wright,

EAGLE HOSE CO., NO. 7, GREENSBORO.

H. J. Elam,
W. M. Adams,
Charles E. Moore,
John Weatherly,
W. L. Cranford,
Thos O'Conner,
F. V. Snell,
R. J. Pleasants.
J. L. Thacker,
Arthur O'Conner,
L. A. Wyrick,
J. H. Shaw,
J. J. Smith,
W. A. Wilson,
E. L. Clarke,
F. F. Smith,
R. C. Whittingto
C. P. Venable,
F. N. Taylor,
A. G. Wilson,
L. R. Thacker,
J. R. Donnell.

SOUTH SIDE HOSE CO., NO. 4, GREENSBORO.

J. Henry Phipps,
F. Keith,
R. L. Woodard,
Geo. P. Crutchfield,
H. L. Reynolds,
Geo. W. Pritchett,
J. S. Barnes,
G. C. Smith, Sec'y,
V. E. Kirkman,
H. B. Donnell.
T. A. Glasscock
W. R. Elliott,
W. F. Jeffry.
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J. E. McDowell,
E. L. Beane,
J. N. Marsh,
Henry Boyles,
Banks Boon,
Henry C. Curti
Charles Maus,

STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO., NO. 1, GREENSBORO.

. Abbott,
rles Corl,
s. Whittington,
ey Andrews,
A. Cox,
John Lewis,
J. G. Fowler,
W. H. Thomas,
C. M. Thomas,
H. G. Lewis,
W. J. Blair,
W. R. Pleasants,
G. R. Christman,
J. W. Cates,
V. C. Lewis,

FIRE DEPARTMENT, CHARLOTTE.

. Wentz,
. Davidson,
. Heart,
M. Wallace,
A. Cruse,
W. B. Glenn,
Thos. Garabraldi,
Chas. Hirst,
Jas. Porter,
H. W. Jetton.
Charls H. Jetton,
F. A. Sawyer,
Geo. Gifford,
John Beattie,

EAGLE HOSE CO., NO. 2, SALEM.

. Farley,
. Jarvis,
H. Collins,
. Harp,
. Brewer,
. Farley.
J. H. Womble,
J. S. Jarvis,
N. D. Smouthers,
T. M. Fullbright,
Dan Burton,
T. V. Pfaff,
C. L. Linebeach,
E. J. Shepherd,
Luther Wood,
P. N. Williams, Sec.,

ROUGH AND READY FIRE CO., NO. 1, SALEM.

H. Vogler,
. Hanes,
. Petticord,
H. Hudson,
ero Sink,
uel Faircloth,
. Peterson,
E. V. Tesh, Sec'y,
Charles Stewart,
E. K. Brewer,
James Petree,
M. J. Lumley,
Wesley Everhart,
Walter Hege.
W. S. Pfohl,
France Kimmel,
R. A Tesh,
J. W. T. Schott,
S. F. Morton,
S. G. Rogers,

HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1, TARBORO.

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